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OBSERVING MLK DAY WITH SERVICE TO COMMUNITY—Students and faculty at Gould Academy participated in many community service projects locally and in Lewiston and Portland on Martin Luther King Day Monday. They worked with refugees, veterans, food banks, and medical supply and clothing assistance non-profit groups. They helped with projects for Maine Adaptive Skiing and Mt. Abram, as well as performed some trail maintenance. The senior class stayed on campus and participated in panel discussions on public service and spent time brainstorming student government ideas for Gould Academy. Here, Madsie, Fisher and Beth Gibson, both of Bethel, were part of a group of students who helped sort and organize clothes for the District Exchange in Bethel.

Dirk MacKnight/Gould Academy

Newry board votes to lobby for school funding change effort

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen voted unanimously Tuesday to have one of their members, Jim Largess, meet with the town managers of other SAD 44 towns late this week, if possible, to discuss supporting an effort to possibly change the local school funding share formula to shift some of the burden from Newry to other towns.

At this coming Monday's SAD 44 School Board meeting Newry Director Bonnie Largess, Jim's wife, is expected to ask the board to consider starting a formal process to change the formula.

Newry has few students but because of its high valuation pays about \$3 million a year toward a SAD 44 budget of approximately \$10 million. A formula change could factor in stu-

dent population, shifting more of the bill to Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock.

The formula process would involve setting up a committee with representation from each district town and crafting a proposed formula for the towns to vote on, according to state law. A majority of the four-town voters would have to approve it. The School Board dis-

cussed the formula change idea about a year ago, but declined to pursue it then because some members said with a Newry withdrawal effort ongoing, that town would have the ultimate say on the overall outcome of finances in SAD 44, through a school withdrawal vote.

NO PROGRESS

The idea to look at the formula option again now

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Petitions seek to slow any wind power applications for Milton, Mason

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Under a new state law that went into effect this month, residents of Mason and Milton townships are circulating or have already submitted petitions to the state to get their townships off the "fast track" list for wind power development, should there be any applications for it.

In 2008 the Maine Legislature approved a law to streamline the permitting process for wind projects in parts of rural Maine, including unorganized territories. But some critics worried the move has deprived residents of such unorga-

nized areas of input in the review process.

Last year the Legislature passed a new law that allows UT residents to petition for removal of their township, or parts of it, from the fast-track process (known as expedited permitting), thus adding another step of review for developers who wish to build wind farms. That extra step would be a requirement for the Land Use Planning Commission, which serves as the planning authority for the UTs, to rezone a proposed wind development area prior to considering a plan, accord-

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Sewer rates public hearing is Monday

BY ALISON ALOISIO

A public hearing on a proposal for a new sewer rates fee structure that would significantly raise fees for some single-residence homeowners is scheduled in Bethel for Monday at 7 p.m.

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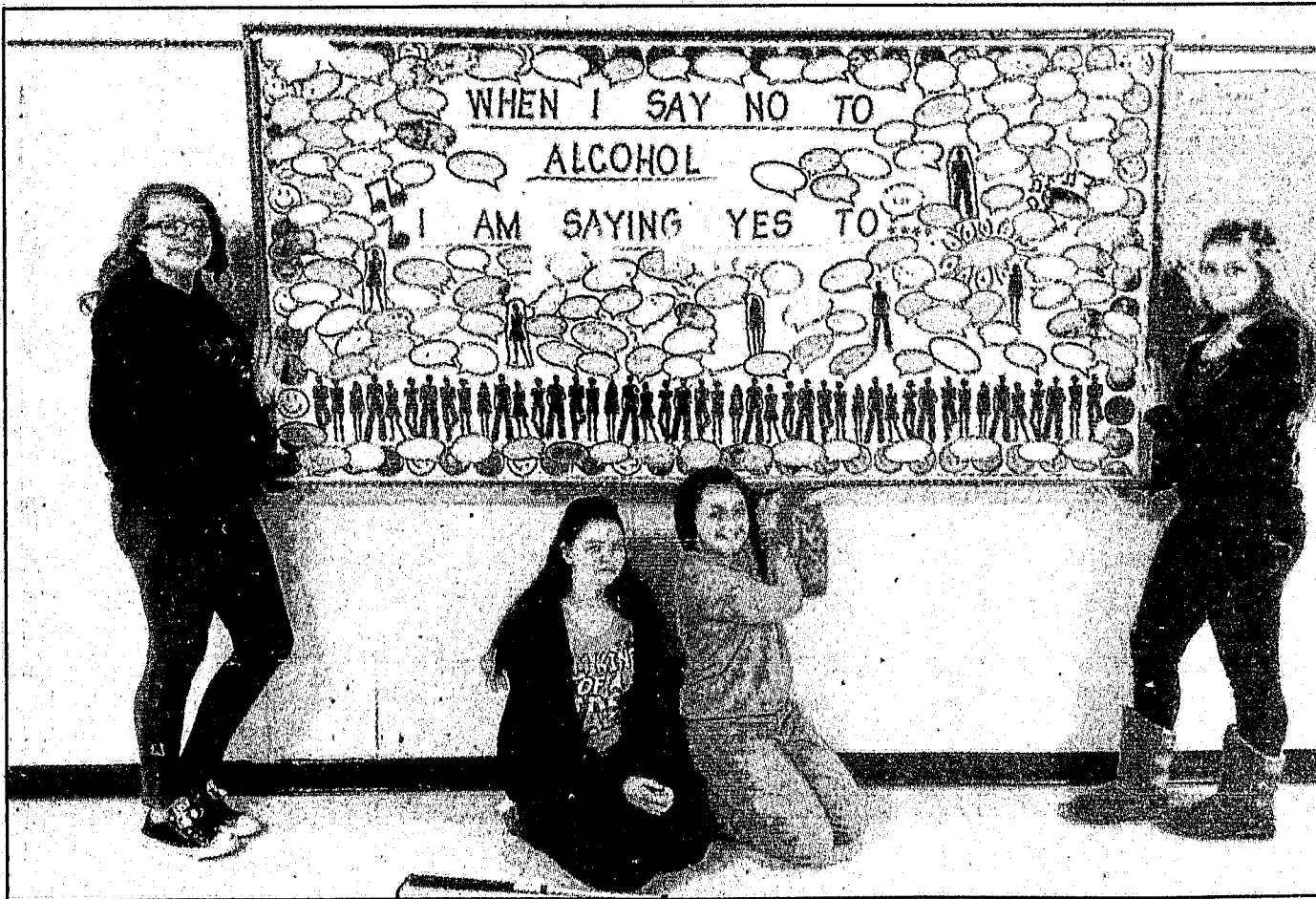
Bethel's Waste Water Treatment Plant has struggled with funding its budget because, town officials say, it does not have enough customers. It was upgraded more than 20 years ago in order to accommodate more development at Bethel Station than has actually taken place since then, so there is more fixed-cost infrastructure to support than there otherwise would be, according to the town.

In addition, the system is funded by users, not by town taxes on all property owners.

Two years ago, in order to increase funding but also to be consistent in applying user fees, the town attempted to update its billing practices and charge older apartments and other older dwelling units individually rather than by building. The move would have added 140 more units to bill.

But with a definition for "dwelling unit" that town officials acknowledged was unclear, some of the property owners affected by the billing updates objected, arguing that it should also be applied to such buildings as bed and

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ALCOHOL AWARENESS DAY—Telstar High School students recently took part in an Alcohol Awareness Day at the school. Working in groups, they watched a short video interviewing a variety of young people in Maine. The students in the film described their lives and the opportunities they have to follow their passions because they choose not to use substances. They framed their passions as what they are able to say "yes" to because they say "no" to alcohol. After viewing the film, the groups discussed the video and shared their own passions and opportunities available to them when they choose to say "no" to substance use. Students in a class taught by Michelle Brown and Kate Rideout, "Positive Self/Positive Action," also designed a bulletin board and provided colored paper, shaped like speech bubbles, for all students to write what they say "yes" to. Responses were incorporated into the board, which is in the entryway of the school. The bulletin board shows some of the passions and hobbies that students have and emphasizes research that seven out of 10 high school students in Maine do not drink alcohol, as well as what is possible when young people say "no" to alcohol. The students who created the board are (from left) Morgan McLean of Gilead, Courtney Skillin of Bethel, Kayla Kofron-Bileau of Bryant Pond and Jodi Putnam of Andover.

Submitted photo

Transportation biggest concern for aging residents

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Transportation is the number one concern of Bethel area residents as they think about staying here as they age, according to a survey by the Age-Friendly Community Project.

The AFC Project's goal is to help residents and town leaders better understand the needs of older residents and support healthy aging.

Answered by 221 people, the survey results were presented last week at a gathering in Bethel attended by about 65 people, most

of whom said they completed the survey. Also discussed were options for addressing the transportation issue.

The surveys had been made available in area churches, libraries, town offices, a grocery store, the Bethel Family Health Center and the District Exchange and Food Pantry, according to the local AFC team of volunteers. The surveys were also distributed at meetings and senior citizen groups. People from

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As for the issues noted in the survey, Steve Wight of Newry said the U.S. Forest

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NEW PLAN
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"In conducting substantive review of a petition, the Commission will provide an opportunity for public comment and hold

Scott Cole, Bethel's former town manager, attended last week's select-

The public hearing on Monday will begin at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. After getting input, the board will decide what the rate structure will be. It will go into effect for billing that started the quarter beginning Jan. 1.

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

Allen Chapman, Robert Remington, Rodney Swain, Larry Fox, Alan Remington, and Michael Bates took part in the Lost Valley open ski jumping competition.

120 years ago: The chair factory was being sheathed inside and double windows being put on the outside.

There was no snow on Jan. 15. No logging except yarding was being done. "Old timers" admitted they never saw anything like it.

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Greenwood selectmen's meeting minutes

Dec. 15, 2015

1. Open Meeting – Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. with Selectman Arnold Jordan, Selectman Amy Chapman, Town Manager Kimberly Sparks, and Deputy Clerk Angela Lovejoy in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Warrants – It was motioned and seconded to accept Warrant #24 (\$8,192.96), and Warrant #25 (\$113,628.95). Motion passed 3-0.
4. Minutes – It was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes of Dec. 1, 2015 as written. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Comments from the Public – Attendees were at the meeting for specific agenda items. No Selectboard members were contacted outside the meeting.
6. Trooper Jason Wing, Maine State Police – Trooper Jason Wing attended. He said he was going around the State to different town meetings to address drug epidemic concerns. He said the Oxford County Area would be seeing an increased number of arrests thanks to community involvement in trying to apprehend offenders. Wing spoke about his history and how he came about to work in State law enforcement. There was discussion on the severe increase of hard drugs in the area such as heroin and prescription drugs. Wing said law enforcement was going after the hard drugs more than marijuana lately because it was such a growing problem. Copies of a letter on how to contact law enforcement about suspicious activity or drug problems had been placed in the Town Offices he had visited. Wing said they are hoping to significantly reduce the drug and heroin epidemic by reaching out to communities for help.
7. Community Heart and Soul Program – Town Manager Sparks mentioned she attended the Community Heart and Soul meeting. She said the point of the program was explained and a group of citizens would be meeting later on if they wanted to pursue the program in the area. The thought was that Bethel, Newry, and Greenwood might be able to participate in the program. Sparks said the challenge would be getting volunteers to run the program since the commitment could be very intense. She said she was interested in learning more about it in the future.
8. Oxford County Regional Recycling Budget – Town Manager Sparks passed out copies of a letter from member Steve Bies regarding OCRR's budget. Bies had worked on two types of budgets – zero-sort and non-zero sort. The letter mentioned that OCRR was considering whether they could continue to provide services to area towns. Chair Henderson mentioned the current budget was not looking good for the company. He said if the business was to continue something had to happen to keep its value to the towns it served. He said composting might be an idea but he was not sure it could be done. He said the costs needed to be even with the value received.
9. Meetings and Events – Town Manager Sparks mentioned the following meetings and events: Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 AVCOG Executive Committee Mtg.; Saturday, Dec. 20, 2015 Fire Department Christmas Party at the Legion Hall at 1 p.m.; Monday, January 4, 2016 Planning Board meeting at the Town Office at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016 Selectboard meeting at the Town Office at 5:00pm; Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 Bicentennial meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016 AOCC Rail Coalition meeting at the Oxford Hills Chamber at 11 a.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 Selectboard meeting at the Town Office at 5 p.m.
10. Adjourn – It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

Bethel drug task force sets goals, next steps

BY AMY WRIGHT CHAPMAN

A task force, formed with a mission to combat underage drug and alcohol use in the Bethel area, met for the third time last week.

The group includes representatives from local schools, nonprofits, government, and law enforcement, as well as community volunteers.

Working together, and with the help of a \$70,000 grant, they hope to reduce the overall problem of drug abuse in SAD 44 by targeting underage use, particularly of alcohol and marijuana.

Patricia Duguay, executive director of the River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition, which is overseeing the initiation of the task force, said previously that they hope reducing underage use of those substances, which are often the starting point for future drug use, will have the long-term effect of reducing the use of heroin and other hard drugs.

A survey being administered throughout January is aimed at gathering information from adults in the district about their perceptions of underage substance use.

It asks about the ease of access by minors to alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, heroin, and other drugs, what messages area youth receive about alcohol and marijuana use, and parental attitudes about alcohol and drug use.

Duguay said that the goal is to have at least 100 people take the survey, and to date she had received about 20 completed surveys.

The survey is available on-line at www.surveymonkey.com/r/you-thuse.

The group also plans to print and distribute paper copies at upcoming events where parents of Telstar students and other adults from the community are present.

Biennial statewide survey

In assessing the problem of underage substance use, the task force is relying on data from the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey.

Funded partly with Tobacco Settlement funds and federal Substance Abuse Block Grant funds, the MIYHS is the result of a collaboration of the Maine Center for Disease Control and the Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with the Department of Education.

Since 2009, the survey has been administered statewide every two years to middle- and high-school students to gather information about their health-related behaviors and attitudes.

Duguay said the data for all of Oxford County that she had shared at the previous meeting showed generally positive trends in alcohol and marijuana use among middle- and high-school students.

At last week's meeting, she shared the specific results of the surveys taken by students in SAD 44.

"When we break it down to the district itself, it's not quite as positive," Duguay said, noting an increase in the percentage of Telstar students in both age groups who reported ever having used alcohol or marijuana, as well as an increase in the number of middle-schoolers who said their first use occurred at age 11 or younger.

In addition, the data show a slight rise in the number of students in both age groups who said they believed their parents viewed underage drinking or marijuana use as "a little bit wrong" or "not wrong at all."

Duguay said that the messaging adolescents currently receive about the medicinal uses of marijuana and the push for legalization have led them to view its use as less risky and to con-

clude that their parents feel the same way.

These messages have also led to a perception that marijuana is more easily accessible, with more than a third of TMS students answering that it would be "sort of easy" or "very easy" to obtain.

Identifying goals

Gould Academy Associate Head of School Pat Donovan, who is also a nurse, asked if the grant was intended to be used to implement programming aimed at reducing underage substance use.

Allie Burke of River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition said a primary goal is to make needed changes to school policy, as well as to community culture.

She oversees River Valley Rising, a program funded by a five-year federal Drug Free Communities Support Program grant in the Rumford area.

As part of the program, she conducts one-on-one conversations with members of the community, in addition to using surveys to compile data.

Part of the effort is focused on raising aspirations.

"In the Rumford area, only 60 percent of our students actually go on to post-secondary education," she said.

She described one client of a treatment counselor as "a 28-year-old gentleman whose ultimate goal is to make it to the next level in video-gaming."

"But guess what? He's a father," she said, adding that a cycle is perpetuated when children observe substance use and low aspirations at home.

"If mom and dad are using, or if it's seen as okay, as a rite of passage, to drink at 15, because that's what they did, it's part of our job to change those cultural norms," Burke said.

Volunteer Amy Halsted asked about the specific purpose of the grant.

"The overall goal is to

reduce substance use among teens," Duguay said, with a focus on marijuana and alcohol.

Next steps

The group discussed ways to involve school groups and other organizations and businesses who work with youth, and where and how to distribute information, including through social media, newspapers and newsletters, and email lists.

They also discussed choosing a name for their efforts, comparable to the "River Valley Rising" name chosen for the Rumford area.

SAD 44 nurse Chris Cole suggested it would be more inclusive not to use "Bethel" in the name, but, rather, a term that encompasses the surrounding towns as well.

Halsted, who has a background in advertising, advocated developing specific branding for the group's work, and offered guidance in the form of a presentation called "Branding 101" at the next meeting.

"[I won't come up with] the actual brand," she said, "but how to get to the brand."

Duguay and Burke discussed the role adverse childhood experiences (ACE) and exposure to chronic stress play in future addiction.

They described the highly acclaimed film, "Paper Tigers," which documents the experiences of students in an alternative school for traumatized youth in Washington. The film will be screened at Mountain Valley High School on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

A public screening will be scheduled in the Bethel area at a later date, and will be followed by a question and answer period with mental health professionals.

The task force's next meeting will be held on Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. at the conference room of the Norway Savings Bank building.

SMH names new building

David Preble, Western Maine Health Board Chair, announced the naming of the new medical office building on 8 Pikes Hill in Norway at the ribbon cutting ceremony Jan. 7. The new building has been named the William L. Medd, MD Health Center in honor of the long time physician who has practiced in Norway for nearly 42 years.

Dr. Medd and his wife, Marge, settled in Norway in 1974 with friends

Dr. Don and Hilary Ware establishing the Oxford Hills Internal Medicine Group. Dr. Medd has served on the Western Maine Health and Stephens Memorial Hospital boards for decades and was instrumental in bringing the Maine Medical Center/Tufts University School of Medicine Rural Clerkship program to Stephens Memorial Hospital. Dr. Medd has also served in numerous medical staff

leadership and committee roles.

Also announced was the naming of the James E. Eshleman, DO Conference Room within the new health center in honor of long time family medicine physician Dr. Eshleman who has practiced in the community at Oxford Hills Family Practice for 43 years. Dr. Eshleman has also held various medical staff leadership roles and has served on the Western

Maine Health and Stephens Memorial Hospital boards.

The new health center is specifically designed to allow the practitioners to use the Patient Centered Medical Home model; the most current approach to delivering primary care. Additionally, the health center will include the relocated Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation program as well as a law drawing

room for patients using the facility.

Patients of Oxford Hills Internal Medicine and Western Maine Family Medicine are now seen at the center.

The new health center is state of the art, yet has architectural features that include historical elements representing local manufacturing of the past such as dowels, tinker toys, snowshoes and toboggans.



From left: Mary Longstaff, Practice Manager of Oxford Hills Internal Medicine, Brian Nolan, MD, Oxford Hills Internal Medicine, Timothy A. Churchill, President of Western Maine Health, William Caron Jr., President of MaineHealth, David Preble, Western Maine Health Board Chair, William L. Medd, MD, Oxford Hills Internal Medicine, James E. Eshleman, DO, Western Maine Family Medicine, Lisa Miller, MD, Western Maine Family Medicine, Kyle Phillips, Practice Manager of Western Maine Family Medicine, and David Holt, Norway Town Manager.

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The application and supporting documentation will be available for review at the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) DEP offices in Augusta, (207) 287-2437, during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation will also be available at the municipal office in Newry Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to Lisa Higgins at the Bureau of Air Quality, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333.

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Briefly

Upton approves road agreement

UPTON-A handful of people, mostly officials, turned out last Tuesday night for a special Town Meeting in Upton to authorize selectmen to enter into an agreement with Maine and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve a portion of the East B Hill Road in Upton, according to Selectman Bob Pepler. The road serves as access to a part of the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. The road rebuild would take place under the Federal Lands Access Program. The first step, expected to take place this year, would be engineering plans for the road, at an estimated total cost of \$25,000, Pepler said. Upton would likely not pay any more than \$5,000 of that, he said. The actual work is expected for 2017. Pepler said the town would have to vote again to authorize money for the construction itself.

Funding

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was prompted by the failure so far of an effort by the Newry Withdrawal Committee to negotiate a withdrawal agreement for town residents to vote on. SAD 44 negotiators have stood firm on their financial position, which would keep Newry essentially paying to the district the same as it is now because, the negotiators said, it is the fairest solution for all.

Meanwhile, the town has spent nearly \$50,000 on consultants and other fees. "We're not getting anywhere," Jim Largess said Tuesday.

He added that he supports good quality education, and if he thought withdrawing from SAD 44 would help education, he would be for it. But, he said, "I don't see how withdrawal is going to help education, so I'm not for withdrawal. But this is not about for or against withdrawal. This is about continuing the conversation, which in my mind, is stuck."

Largess and Jim Sysko, who is chairman of the NWC and a proponent of withdrawal, agreed a new approach might be needed to get things moving, and that might be a funding formula discussion.

"Let's try to find a window where we can change things, where we can talk," said Sysko.

Resident Doug Webster, however, thought the selectmen should instead "take a stance and maybe write a letter, almost condemning the School Board for their non-negotiations. They're the ones who are supposed to be negotiating in good faith."

He said SAD 44 owes it to Newry voters to give them a withdrawal agreement to vote on, as part of the democratic process.

But the board continued to discuss other options. Selectman Wendy Hanscom mentioned the possibility of the town voting to stop the withdrawal pro-

cess. Sysko said the NWC might be able to suspend the process for a time if a formal effort to change the funding formula went forward.

Town Administrator Amy Bernard wondered what would happen if the town voted at Town Meeting in March not to authorize any more money for the NWC.

"That would probably say something," said Sysko, but he added another option would be to ask for no more money for now, and just "keep the process out there."

He also noted that for school withdrawal to be approved, a 2/3 vote is needed, and that can be difficult to get.

Largess added that when the town voted to start the withdrawal process in 2014, some voters thought they were simply deciding to explore educational alternatives, not to hold a later vote on actual withdrawal.

He wondered if there would be a way for the town to vote to look at other alternatives now.

But, said Sysko, "The only way we can do this is to get out of SAD 44 to have the alternative."

Sysko also told selectmen the NWC had asked for a withdrawal counterproposal from SAD 44 negotiators by Jan. 22, but nothing had been received to date.

After a half hour of discussion, the board voted to have Bernard try to quickly pull together a meeting with Largess and the town managers, ahead of the Monday School Board meeting, to assess whether they would support urging that board to consider a formula change.

Before the vote Hanscom made a formal disclosure that she works for SAD 44, a step town officials sometimes take in such situations to deal with any potential appearance of a conflict of interest.

Bethel

By D. Bennett



New Mayville Office Building Planned

At last Wednesday night's Planning Board meeting Cassie Mason's application (DBA Eider Down LLC) for a new commercial building in Mayville was considered by the Board and approved. Ms. Mason is a real estate agent. This project's name is Maine Real Estate Network Office Building. The proposed buildings site is on land previously owned by Gloria Wilson.

The new building will be generally opposite Sport Thoma on Mayville Road, US Route 2

Planning Board Elects Officers for 2016.

Also at the Wednesday Planning Board meeting, the Board elected Mike Charron to be Chairman and Cheri Thurston, Vice Chair for this year. Board members at the meeting were: Mike Charron, Cheri Thurston, Charleen Chase, Neil Scanlon and Aaron Crockett.

Scavenger Hunt in February

Circulated by Sara Hemeon: A group of us working on winter activities with the Chamber would like to do a scavenger hunt during February vacation. We'd like to bring more visitors to local business while offering a fun activity for families. Scavenger hunters would purchase a card listing participating businesses and a special item in the businesses they would need to find. The item is chosen by the business. It can be anything the hunters can find inside or outside of the business. For example, Elements Art Gallery may want the hunters to find a specific piece of art. After finding the item, their card would be punched by the business owner or staff. Completed cards would be entered into a drawing to win the total amount made from the sale of the punch cards. We'd like them to be around \$5. To participate, contact Sara Hemeon at Philbrook Place or the Chamber.

Economic town planning for development

In last week's Citizen reported that at the selectmen's meeting it was voted to ask the town's Comprehensive Plan Committee to turn its attention to the possibility of crafting a strategic plan, with a focus on economic development, instead.

In August 1957 the Bethel Chamber's Industrial Search Committee, invited NTL (National Training Lab) help with the problem of how to improve the local economy. The Citizen's report of the session said: "Recently an interesting meeting was held at Gould Academy for the purpose of discussing ideas that might help Bethel industrially and economically. NTL personnel included Dr. Leland Bradford and Dr. Ronald Lippitt (two of NTL's founders) plus Dr. Priess, Dr. Pitkin and several members of a training group.

One comment noted that "NTL people showed genuine concern for the town while only a short time before they had been considered complete strangers." It was agreed that Bethel should go on record as interested in industry, dispelling the myth that we are a closed corporation unfriendly to progress.

In February 1958, the Bethel Area Development Corporation was formed. This new corporation's charter stated its purpose as "to foster, encourage and assist the location, settlement, resettlement, or expansion of industry, manufacturing, and other business, educational or cultural enterprises in the Town of Bethel and its environs." Two of this corporation's notable successes were the Sunday River Skiway and the Bethel Furniture Stock. Officers for this new



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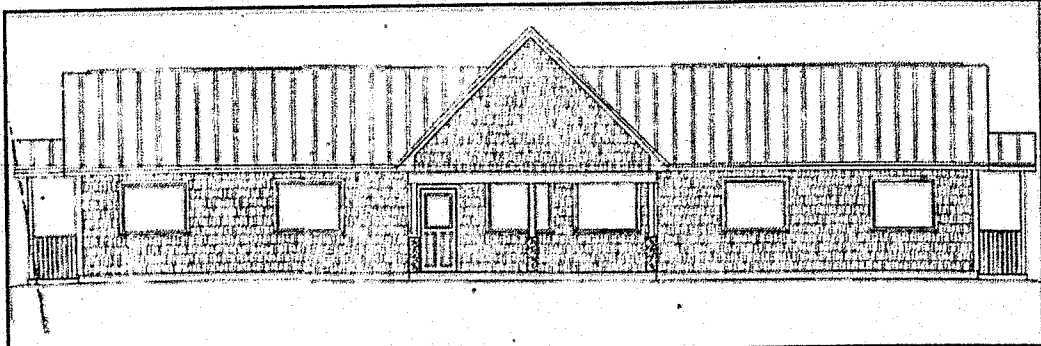


Illustration of planned real estate office building to be constructed in Mayville. The structure will be 80 x 49 feet, according to plans.

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corporation were President, Howard W. Cole, insurance executive and Vice President, Addison Saunders, of the Hanover Dowel Co. and State Representative; Treasurer, Edmund Vachon, President of the Bethel Savings Bank; and Secretary, Guy P. Butler, Owner and Manager of the Bethel Inn and former Executive Manager of the Maine Publicity Bureau.

The board of directors included eleven well known leaders of the Bethel business community, one of whom was Henry H. Hastings who did much of the Corporation's legal work gratis.

Our Neighbor - Paul Thurston

On a warm summer evening when I was 11 or 12 I had biked up the road to the Thurston farm and Paul Thurston was standing under one of the large trees in front of his house enjoying the beautiful evening. As I peddled by he waved and I called out, "Hi Paul." Then turned around and biked home. I told my mother about seeing Mr. Thurston - that he waved and I called back "Hi Paul." She told me in no uncertain terms, "Do not do that again; you say 'Mr. Thurston' to him."

Paul C. Thurston (1887-1963) was born in Newry educated in Bethel schools, Gould Academy and Bates College. His father, Jacob A. Thurston was a prominent lumberman, mill owner and operator and merchant at Newry Corner. His mother was Flora Dinsmore Thurston. The Thur-

ston's moved to Bethel prior to 1900. Paul graduated from Gould Academy in 1905; he entered Bates College in September 1905 but was obliged to leave college due to pneumonia.

Paul Thurston married Elsie M. Hall on Dec. 25, 1911. They had two children: a daughter, Rosalie, and a son, Murray. Elsie Thurston died in 1924; Mr. Thurston then married Florence H. who died in 1977.

After the death of his father in 1917, he became president of the J.A. Thurston Company. The Thurston family lived at the J.A. Thurston farm in the upper part of Mayville. Thurston was active in state Democratic politics, President of the Rumford Falls Trust Company, President of the Board of Trustees of Gould Academy, trustee of the Bethel Library, a member of the executive committee of the Rumford Community Hospital and Chairman of the Maine Turnpike Authority. Besides manufacturing, Thurston was active in dairy farming, raising thoroughbred Guernsey cattle at his Thurstonia Farm in Mayville.

In 1932 Paul Thurston was a Democratic Party candidate for governor. His main opponent was Louis Brann of Lewiston. Brann had held several positions in Lewiston government including mayor. Maine's primary election was scheduled for June 20, 1932. Thurston was expected to win most of the Oxford County votes. In fact, the

Oxford County vote was 1,975 votes for Thurston and 177 votes for Brann. Three lesser candidates received a total of 112 votes. However, Louis Brann won the primary contest for governor in the Democratic primary. Returns from Lewiston put Brann ahead. Mr. Thurston became Brann's campaign manager, Louis Brann served two terms as governor.

He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Maine in 1928, 1936 and 1940. He was an alternate delegate in 1944.

The Oct. 26, 1944 issue of The Bethel Citizen headline news read "Paul Thurston Loses Barn and Guernsey Herd in Night Fire." The article went on to report that the residence of Thurston was saved, but the barn and connecting carriage house were lost at an estimated value of \$30,000. Besides the loss of the barn, 32 registered purebred Guernseys and 60 tons of hay were also lost.

Within two years a new fireproof tile barn had been built and the herd of Guernseys was reconstituted. The farm's daily milk production was carried to Breaux's Dairy in Rumford, often by Mr. Thurston who drove to Breaux's with his farm's milk in the trunk of his car. He then either went on to the J.A. Thurston mill in Hale or to his Rumford Falls Trust office.

Paul C. Thurston died in June 1963; he was buried in the Thurston family lot at Riverside Cemetery, Bethel.

Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

Jan. 13, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on Jan. 13. Officers present were: Two of the three Selectmen-Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Linsley Chapman Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst.; Judy Perrille. The third selectman, Jeremy Morin, was unable to attend.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. December Wrap Up Warrant 12A: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept. Both selectmen voted in favor. December Warrant 12B: Vote: One item removed. Moved and seconded to accept. Both selectmen voted in favor. January Warrant 1: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept. Both selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Bills on warrant and the removal of one item on Warrant 12B. Result: In order to pay a bill on the warrant, there must be slips that explain what the bill was for; such as, what work was done, what item was bought, etc. These slips need to be signed by the department head. This has been a policy that has been in place for quite some time now. The Admin. Asst. will call the department head and the company to request backup information. Vote: Moved and seconded to remove item. Both selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Not receiving a bill from the company that supplies the porta potty at the Transfer Station. Result: The Admin. Asst. will call to request a bill, since the town has not received one for quite some time. The bill was being sent to the home address of the Town Clerk, who tried several times, to no avail, to get them to change it to the Town's address (correct address was supplied each time). The Town Clerk informed the company several times that the bill would be sent back if it arrived at her address again. When it did, it was sent back and that was the last bill that was seen.

Discussion Regarding: End of the year and getting ready for Town Meeting. Information on account balances to plan the budget for 2016. Compiling Annual Town Report. Result: The Admin. Asst. and Treasurer have been gathering information for the report. Now that the year has ended, the Treasurer will supply account balances and assist the Admin. Asst. in completing the town report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Vote: Both selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk, is writer of these notes.)



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

I have made it a point in my life to not give advice unless it was asked for. In general I think people are not all that open to unsolicited advice. It makes a person feel inadequate if someone thinks they should give them advice and the one giving it comes across as a know it all.

The only time I have strayed from my no-unsolicited-advice commitment was when the grandchildren came along. I advised my kids to refrain from ever putting their babies in bed with them because they would regret it. They didn't listen to me and suffered the consequences of sharing their beds with little ones for several years. At least, they did tell me I was right.

For the second time in my life I am about to give some unsolicited advice whether you want it or not. To all readers who are fortunate enough to have their own teeth ... take good care of the darn things.

I have suffered with ill-fitting dentures for many years. I glue them to my gums on a daily basis and hope that the glue will hold for most of the day.

The other day the glue did not last through dinner. Fortunately, it was only my husband and myself, which spared me some extreme embarrass-

ment when I sneezed and my top teeth flew out of my mouth and landed in my dinner. After many years of marriage it takes a bit more than flying teeth to cause embarrassment.

However, that ended Henry's appetite and I wasn't too pleased about digging my teeth out of his mashed potatoes.

Anyone with dentures, even ones that fit well, can tell you there are a

lot of disadvantages compared to one's own natural teeth.

Even something as small as a grain of salt under a plate can be painful. Since it is not very polite to take your teeth out in public you either have to deal with the discomfort or go to the bathroom and remove the offending particle. And, if you use as much tooth glue as I do it is quite a mess.

Then there are all the foods that I once loved, but can no longer eat. Nuts and popcorn get un-

der the plates and create the aforementioned scenario. Corn on the cob, my favorite summer vegetable, has to be cut off the cob and believe me it is not the same eating experience. There are a lot of other foods that are no longer part of my dining pleasure.

Not taking care of my teeth when I had them is one of my biggest regrets in life. There are certainly many other regrets, but I'll save them for another time.

I was in my early 30's before I ever had a cavity and because of horror stories I had heard about dentists I refused to go. I certainly was a bit of a hypocrite, since I made my kids go every six months. Now, as a result they have good healthy teeth and I'm spitting mine into my husband's mashed potatoes.

I know that dentists are expensive and there may be some pain involved, though I understand procedures have improved a great deal. However, the pain of dental work is minor compared to not having your own teeth.

So, whether you asked for it or not taking good care of your teeth is my advice and the way I see it that's some advice that you should be able to sink your own natural teeth into.

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densely together, and quite a few have died, and others grew tall and straight, but too close together. In other places the remaining trees are tall and straight with few limbs make good size logs which are fun to cut. The best part is that they are right close to the house and road.

Otherwise, we are finding a huge void, left when sister-in-law Ina Grover passed away, leaving a lifetime of memories in the big farm house. Rupert, Dan and Elsie have spent much time sorting through those memories, especially the huge trove of photos of family and friends along with many books, stories, scrap books and other treasures. Dan brought a large box full of photos, old diaries and papers with memories and records of Mason residents of long ago. I have only spent a little time so far going through the top layer of materials, but I am enjoying "the ride." It is fun trying to put names to a lot of faces in old photos.

I have also spent several hours on the computer trying to find an affordable and convenient airline schedule to get us to and from Mazatlan, Mexico so we can spend a few days with Lee and Paul Pippenger in their condo there. Katrina also went on line and found a deal through Orbitz that saved us nearly half of what I was about to pay and it was on the same airline and schedule that I had found with another travel site! I'll write about the trip after we return.

Newry

By Doug Webster



Any Newry residents interested in running for select board or a school board membership need to have their nomination papers into the town office by Jan. 25. Gary Wight is up for re-election for select board, and Whitney Gray is up for School Board.

Don't forget to register your dogs this month. If you don't have it done by the end of the month I think it's a \$25 extra charge, so it's worth doing. If you have any questions call the town office.

I see in the paper that SAD 44 withdrawal committee chairman Marcel Polak might be willing to discuss changing the district funding formula. What a poor example our school leaders are setting for our students. We might as well be in the Soviet Union the way the school board withdrawal committee has been acting. Newry Withdrawal chairman Jim Sysko, sent a letter to SAD 44, hoping to get a proposal by Jan. 22. It should be interesting to see what they come up with. The law does say that both parties should negotiate in good faith; I don't think we have seen that from the school board. If the school board does not want to negotiate, maybe we should send our proposal to the Department of Education, and try to get it approved so the Newry voters will get the vote they deserve.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



Not many people have been taking advantage of Sunday Breakfast at the Ladies' Aid so far this year. The food is always good and it is a great opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors.

There were dog sled teams and ice-fishermen on Umbagog Lake this past weekend. I also saw some activity on the Androscoggin River at Pon-tok Dam. I just can't believe that the ice is thick enough to be safe.

I fired up my snowmobile and took two trips around the house. Maybe someday soon there will be enough snow to ride the local trails. Keep Dancing.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoeg@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Start two. I started on the laptop because somehow my screen got turned off, and now I can't bring it back up. So I start again.

Although it is getting colder and colder out, it has been nice and sunny when it is not snowing. That is fine with me. I'd much rather that than the rain we had last week. That kills and makes everything slippery. Snow is just fine. It is almost like a dry kind of wet. The other day when I finally decided to go outside, I realized my snow pants were all missing and Dave's did not fit.

Tonight, Jan. 21 in Waterford there is a community supper at 6 p.m. at the Wilkins House. Bring a main dish or a dessert or salad to share. Hosts are Nancy Engdahl, Marylyn Crowley and Sara Barnacle. FMI 583-6677.

Friday, Jan. 22, Waterford Library has an open coffee hour. Come meet or join your neighbors.

This Saturday, Jan. 23, is the full wolf moon. I'm hoping it will be clear and bright enough for me to see. It would be nice to be able to go somewhere after dark.

Monday, Jan. 24, Knit and Chat should be meeting at the Waterford library 2 to 4 p.m. All levels of knitters are welcome. Come and knit, crochet, sit and enjoy time with others.

Wednesday, Jan. 27, is the fourth Wednesday and at 10 a.m. there should be a book discussion. FMI, please call 583-2050.

I will end here and hope to do better next week. Please let me know if there is anything you'd like to put in here. Call: 743-0583.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



Another snowy day here, the town crews are out scraping the roads and sanding them already this a.m.

We are supposed to play for the residents in Rumford today, but not sure how the traveling will be by the time we head out; we hate to cancel but sometimes the traveling just isn't safe.

Condolences are going out to the families of Debbie R. Jack, Scott Sessions, and Don Gouin. Our thoughts and prayers to each family member.

The many birds are busy at the feeders this morning; we have lots of finches, chickadees, woodpeckers, blue jays, a pair of cardinals, juncos and nuthatches. The titmouse never did return to the feeders.

The deer have been all over the front lawn and they make their bed on the knoll behind the garage every evening.

Get well wishes to Cleo Ryerson and the many who are not feeling their best these days. Our prayers are with each of them for a speedy recovery.

Love and prayers to Carol Cox, she is also in our thoughts.

Some of our snow bunnies (friends and family) are leaving and heading for warmer states for the next few weeks.

So glad they have internet so we can keep in touch while they are gone and enjoying the warmer temperatures.

Many of us are still busy crocheting and knitting, and I also have a few plastic canvas crafts I'm doing up for gifts for next Christmas.

Daddy-O's Restaurant in Oxford is holding Community Suppers; check your local papers for dates and times. The one they held on the 14th. It was a huge success and it helps the Food Pantry's and other organizations they donate to.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and stay warm.



FORESTDALE SCHOOL AT MT. ABRAM—Several five-year-old students from the Forestdale Christian School in Woodstock took their first ski lessons recently at Mt. Abram from instructors. The children visited three times during the January. Their lessons, lift passes and rentals were funded by a grant from the Mt. Abram Ski Club, a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to snow sports education for children and youth in Western Maine.

Submitted photo

Prime Time Ski Club news

Despite rain, ice, sleet and snow, Prime Time Ski Club members continue to ski the trails of Sunday River weekdays (and a few on weekends as well) and are happy that the trail count continues to increase almost daily. After a day of pouring rain about 10 days ago, followed by very cold temperatures that night, many trails turned to sheets of ice. However, thanks to the mountain's excellent groomers and snowmakers, most trails were back in great shape within a day of the big freeze. Several snow storms since then have also helped to improve ski conditions. Just remember to get out early to enjoy the best snow of the day. Let's hope Mother Nature is kinder to snow lovers for the rest of the season.

In last week's column the ski club's activities were discussed. This week we'll take a look at our membership, a diversified group of people with many interests outside of skiing. Our membership of approximately 130 individuals ranges in age from 50-something to 80-something with most falling somewhere in the mid-range. The majority of members come from Maine, Massachusetts or New Hampshire with a few from Rhode Island and Vermont. We also have two members from Pennsylvania, one each from Florida, and California and two from Ottawa, Canada, which, I guess, makes our club an international organization!

Although many of our members are retired, some work full or part-time and have schedules that are flexible enough to allow for midweek skiing. Some of our members have retired to the Bethel area while others own or rent seasonal homes, condos or time shares. Some just come to ski for the day from southern or central Maine and New Hampshire and "commute" to club social events. Many club members are active in the commu-

nity, teaching, attending classes or heading the board at the Western Mountains Senior College. One member offers free music classes in the public schools and a few belong to the Rotary Club. We also have members who are involved with the current effort to create a satellite facility of the Ski Museum of Maine in the Bethel area. Others volunteer for a local food pantry or for Maine Adaptive Sports as instructors, office helpers and snowmobile driver. Several members are on the board of the Mahoosuc Land Trust.

The skiing ability of our members is as diversified as their activities outside the ski arena. Some love to ski the glades, others love to ski the green trails. Some members are former ski patrollers and a few are certified by the Professional Ski Instructors Association. Some have been skiing since they were youngsters and others got their skiing start much later in life. What we do have in common is a love for skiing and for outdoor activities. We love skiing with others and having fun.

So if you don't want to ski alone, consider meeting Prime Time Ski Club members (for those 50 years and older) at the North Peak Lodge every weekday around 10 a.m. in the area just beyond the bar. Introduce yourself to anyone that's there and you'll soon find yourself meeting a lot of new friends. After a brief time for announcements, we usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. No matter what your level of skiing or comfort zone, you will find someone to ski with. Remember the Prime Time Ski Club motto, "No one needs to ski alone." Check out our website at www.primetimeskiclub.com or just show up at North Peak Lodge around 10 a.m. weekdays.

Oxford Democrats kickoff dinner

The Oxford County Democrats held a Kick-off 2016 dinner and program on Jan. 14 at the Eagles Hall in Rumford, preceded by a social hour. The event included special recognition for Senator John Patrick, Rep. Matt Peterson, Register of Deeds Patricia Shearman and Sheriff Wayne Gallant, an introduction of 2016 candidates and prospects, and remarks by State Democratic Leaders, and representatives of the Presidential and Congressional campaigns. County Chair Cathy Newell of Greenwood and Senator Patrick provided the welcome and introductions.

Speaker of the House Mark Eves spoke about his time in the legislature starting in 2008 and his respect for Senator Patrick, Rep. Peterson and other Democratic legislators from Oxford County during that time, as well as welcoming the 2016 candidates and sharing plans for the campaign. He spoke about the importance of a focus on job creation and a strong economic message for 2016. Senator Justin Alford, Senate Democratic leader, paid particular tribute to Senator Patrick describing him as someone who worked forcefully for his district and for working men and women. He expressed his gratitude to Senator Patrick for seeking reelection to the Senate and for his hard work with candidates as the Democrats work to regain the majority in the Maine Senate. Alford presented Patrick with a recognition certificate from the Oxford County Democrats.

The vigorous campaign for the Democratic nomination in Congress was presented by Bangor City Councilman, and former Bangor mayor, Joe Baldacci, and by Corey Haskell, campaign manager for Emily Cain, who was unable to attend. Both campaigns are committed to seeing that the Second Congressional District be represented by someone who reflects the needs

and values of the people of the district, and pointed out the ties of the incumbent to Wall Street. Baldacci highlighted his roots in the district working in his family restaurant, raising his family and practicing law for many years,



Senator Justin Alford of Portland, Democratic leader of the State Senate, and Oxford County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell present Senator John Patrick of Rumford with a certificate of appreciation at the Jan. 14 Oxford County Democrats 2016 Kick-off dinner at the Rumford Eagles Hall.

as well as his service and accomplishments for Bangor. Haskell spoke of Emily Cain's accomplishments in the House and Senate and her success in leadership roles and as a candidate in 2014, as well as the endorsements and support received to date. Newell praised both Baldacci and Cain for their support for the Oxford County Democrats, stating that they really are honorary members of the team.

The Presidential campaigns of Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton were present bringing excellent supplies of materials and looking to sign up volunteers. Hillary Clinton's campaign was represented by Makayla Reed who is the campaign's Maine Field Director. Reed highlighted the specific plans the Clinton campaign has released on many issues, and the good support she is finding in Oxford County. Help is needed both in Maine and New Hampshire

and anyone interested may visit www.hillaryclinton.com. Bernie Sanders' campaign was represented by Colin O'Neill of Oxford, a Maine Young Democrat, who is a staffer in the Berlin NH office. O'Neill spoke of his excitement in be-



ing part of the NH primary effort, and highlighted the Sanders' approach to small donor fundraising and passion for working people. Volunteers are needed in both Maine and New Hampshire and anyone interested may visit www.berniesanders.com. Troy Jackson, former State Senator, and long-time friend of the Oxford County Democrats, also spoke supporting Sanders, and spoke about his friendship with Senator Patrick, former Senator Bryant, and Newell. The importance of the caucuses in Maine on March 6 was mentioned by both campaigns and it was announced that information will soon be available on specific town times and locations, following the caucus convenor training to be held on Jan. 24 in Waterford. Absentee ballots for presidential preference are available now at www.mainedems.org. Also introduced were Senator Dawn Hill of York

County, Assistant Senate Leader, Local 900 President Ron Hemingway and recently retired AFL-CIO President Don Berry of Sumner, as well as former legislative leaders Bob Duplessie of Andover, Ed Duguay of Cherryfield, and Toby McGrath, former legislative staffer, currently with Americans for Responsible Solutions, who spoke and provided informational materials on the background check referendum.

The 2016 candidates, both announced and strong prospects, were introduced, with individual announcements expected in the coming weeks. Newell announced that the online link for Maine Clean Elections Qualifying contributions is available at <https://www5.informet.org/cgi-bin/online/ethics/cleanelection/home.pl>.

Senator Patrick and Newell presented certificates of appreciation to Oxford County Register of Deeds Patricia Shearman of Norway and Sheriff Wayne Gallant of Rumford highlighting their exceptional work for the people of Oxford County and their assistance to other Democratic candidates over the years. Rep. Peterson's certificate will be presented at a spring event honoring his service as he concludes his four terms in the House. Newell announced that the Sheriff will receive a Community Service Award from the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce on March 5 at their annual dinner. The Oxford County Democrats will arrange for a table for that event with information released soon.

Pictures of the Kick-off Event and information about the Oxford County Democrats are available on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>. The website, www.oxforddems.org will be updated later in the spring. Oxford County Chair Cathy Newell may be reached at info@oxforddems.org or at 875-2116.

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Real Estate Transfers

Bethel

Savage Land Development LLC to United Plumbing & Heating Inc. of Bethel, property at Timber Creek Lot 36. \$45,000, June 9, 2015.

Savage Land Development LLC to Forget Development LLC of Los Altos, Calif., Timber Creek Lot 59. \$30,000, June 9, 2015.

Savage Land Development LLC to Forget Development LLC of Los Altos, Calif., Timber Creek Lot 58. \$30,000, June 9, 2015.

Savage Land Development LLC to Forget Development LLC of Los Altos, Calif., Timber Creek Lot 22. \$30,000, June 9, 2015.

Savage Land Development LLC to Forget Development LLC of Los Altos, Calif., Timber Creek Lot 3. \$30,000, June 9, 2015.

Savage Land Development LLC to Forget Development LLC of Los Altos, Calif., Timber Creek Lot 2. \$30,000, June 9, 2015.

Forget Development LLC to Jessica H. and Aaron D. Peelman of Portsmouth, N.H., land and building at 84 Oak Ridge Road. \$331,000, June 10, 2015.

Igor and Kari Popov to River Glen Development LLC of Falmouth, land at Map 18 Lot 33-1 Sub-lot 10 at River Glen Subdivision. \$30,500, June 12, 2015.

Intervale Land LLC to River Glen Development LLC of Falmouth, Lots 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 at River Glen Subdivision. \$107,500, June 15, 2015.

Pennymac Corp. to Scott Conway and Kimball French of Methuen, Mass., property at 288 West Bethel Road. \$67,000, June 19, 2015.

Grayson Wakefield to Jane Bolinger of West Somerville, Mass., land and building at 203 Vernon Street. \$237,000, June 19, 2015.

Kyra J. Suwak and Lendell H. Allen to Barry and Janis Josey of Dartmouth, property at 719 West Bethel Road. \$50,000, June 26, 2015.

Estate of Richard C. Valentine to Nina S. and Tim C. Chan of Claremont, N.H., land at 22 Mechanic Street. \$32,000, June 26, 2015.

Kathleen A. Ford and Kenneth G. Paquette to Daniel B. and June M. Desantis of South Hamilton, Mass., land and building at 9 Dumont Circle. \$210,000, June 26, 2015.

Patricia D., William R. and Vijas A. Murphy to William R. Murphy of Bryant Pond, property at Map 11 Lot 53 Old RR Crossing Road. \$45,000, July 6, 2015.

Diane M. Doane to Louis Gregory Bove and Elba A. Sacris-Bove of Bethel, land at Lot 3 Chandler Hill Road. \$16,500, July 7, 2015.

Ski Tracks Inc. to Savage Land Development LLC of Bethel, property at Map 5 Lot 21 Route 232. \$175,000, July 7, 2015.

Andrew R. Parr and Susan J. Santucci to David H. Bean and Brooke Libby of Bethel, land and building at 57 Elm Street. \$179,220, July 9, 2015.

Kenneth E. Lyon to Kevin Wormstead of Bedford, Mass., land and building at 43 Cushing Road. \$115,000, July 13, 2015.

Jeffrey T. and Barbara A. Saucier to Elke and Brian Farrell of West Tisbury, Mass., Lot 6 at Pine Bluff Subdivision. \$37,500, July 23, 2015.

Richard T. and Linda G. Champlin to Brenda M. Duggan of Duxbury, Mass., land and building at 13 Hemlock Ridge Drive. \$226,900, July 28, 2015.

Timbervest Partners Maine LLC to Green Mountain Land Holdings LLC of Anson, land at Map 9 Lot 36. \$180,000, July 28, 2015.

Ralph H. Berube to Carl Voelpert of Auburn, land and building at 122 West Bethel Road. \$94,000, July 30, 2015.

Greenwood

Phillip A., Charlotte A. and Bertrand Cole to Bald Bluff Forest LLC of Chevy Chase, Md., land at Map 8 Lot 8. \$60,180, Aug. 10, 2015.

Chapman & Wheeler Inc. to Matthew T. and Ellen L. Mitchess of Phoenix, Md., land at Map R20 Lot 10 Howe Hill Road. \$322,500, Aug. 21, 2015.

Estate of Walter Cusack to Harold and Jamie Kotler of Brookline, Mass., property at 120 Spruce Lane. \$200,000, Aug. 28, 2015.

Newry

Gretchen E. Grasso to Maria E. Teigeiro of Beverley, Mass., condominium at 16 Last Tango Drive. \$365,000, July 31, 2015.

Tempest Development LLC to Deborah Ann Golden Revocable Trust of Lincoln, R.I., condominium at 24 Underpass Drive. \$700,000, Aug. 7, 2015.

Joseph and Alece Herlihy to Mary Lou Brickett and Keegan W. and Brendan T. Sands of Amesbury, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$5,500, Aug. 7, 2015.

Janice Newman to Caitlin B. Perry-Buron of Bridgewater, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$6,850, Aug. 13, 2015.

Courtney V. Bain to Steve P. and Cheryl A. Beaupre of Saco, condominium at 8 Moonstruck Drive. \$108,000, Aug. 14, 2015.

Northeast Bank to Wendy A. Guthrie of Wellesley, Mass., timeshare at the Grand Summit. \$3,000, Aug. 20, 2015.

Stephanie B. and Jean C. Grillo to Brenda and Carl J. Blond of San Antonio, Texas, land and building at 1166 Mayville Road. \$75,000, Aug. 21, 2015.

Rolando and Claudia Rabines to Christopher and Kimberley R. Darby of Jackson, N.H., land and building at 23 Evergreen Lane. \$760,000, Aug. 28, 2015.

Open Air

BY TOM REMINGTON

The "Drought" Continues

Another year at Hunting Camp has come and gone. Nothing of what I had hoped to find in the forests seems to have changed. Is it that as I age, I fail to recognize change in the forests? Or are my expectations simply too big?

Nothing will ever replace living with hunting camp friends for a week, but I would like to see some deer ... a deer. Am I looking in the wrong places?

In my travels, I have heard of some regions in Maine, where a few hunters had seen a few more deer. I even had communication with one hunter who seemed quite excited about the prospect that bigger bucks have been harvested this fall. I don't know if that's true. I do know that it will be a long time before officials offer any estimates of harvest data. They are dreadfully slow with that stuff, you know.

My educated guess is that overall harvest numbers will be about what they were a year ago and that perhaps, in a few small areas that haven't had all the deer management problems, more and bigger deer were taken.

I have also been told that there are more deer but they are living in areas close to our houses. This would support the theory that I'm looking in all the wrong places.

The deer season began warm and remained warm. Some hunters believe that warm weather effects the hunting because "deer won't move around if it's warm." Reduction of sunlight, i.e. shorter days, sends messages to the deer's brain that triggers the "rut" - mating urges. Warm weather has little to do with that. I recall asking a prominent deer biologist once about how much warm weather contributed to a deer's movement. He assured me that a deer's thick fur not only keeps a deer warm in

winter, but keeps them cool if warmth settles in during cold seasons. Hunger, mating and predators, including man, influence deer movement and change of habits more than warmth.

I may not be able to recognize changes in the forest, but I am able to recognize some change in what happens at Hunting Camp. Where once Hunting Camp was Coleman lanterns and lugging water from the brook, it's now gasoline generators and gravity-fed water from a well. With the electricity, it was soon followed by radios, laptops and a host of other techno-garbage that distracts from the things I value in life. Getting older!

Once upon a time, after a home-cooked meal on the wood cook stove, and dishes done, camp often was divided into two groups - card players and storytellers. Now, the cell phones come out and each hunter is magically transformed into a tech-zombie. I often sat at camp quietly waiting for someone willing to engage in storytelling or just simple, quiet conversation - perhaps discussing where to hunt for deer at daybreak the next day.

I look forward to camp to hear all the latest jokes and funny stories. Now, it's all on YouTube or Facebook. Curse!

"How did it go this morning? Did you see anything ... any signs?" might be common questions. Ask that question now and the answer might be a quick draw of the cell phone and a picture to look at the track the hunter came across. I don't bother to look because the image is so small I cannot see it.

I have stowed all my hunting gear for another year. I've spent ample time complaining about the lack of deer but history tells me that when next November begins to creep up on me, all of that will be forgotten and hopes renewed for a better week at hunting camp.

Senior College to hold program on A-Fib

"Understanding Your Heart Rhythm: Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)" will be presented by Daniel E. van Buren, MD, Board Certified Cardiologist, on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, Bethel, (snow date Feb. 11). The program is sponsored by "To Your Health" of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC).

Dr. van Buren, a popular speaker for "To Your Health" for the past four years, returns during American Heart Month to further educate the community about heart disease. His topic this year, Atrial Fibrillation (AFib), affects 33.5 million adults in the United States with 5 million new cases each year. "Most people who develop AFib are over 65 years of age," said Dr. van Buren, "and it is more frequent in men than women and in whites than blacks."

Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) is an abnormal rhythm of the heart. In AFib, the upper chambers of the heart do not work correctly because of abnormal electrical activity. It can lead to complications and serious heart conditions, and increase a person's risk of stroke. Dr. van Buren will explain how AFib is detected and evaluated and the two long-term treatment options. He will answer any questions and will have hand-outs available.

Dr. van Buren is board certified in internal medicine, adult echocardiography, nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular disease. He is a Fellow in the American College of Cardiology. He completed his internal medicine and cardiology training in Brooklyn, N.Y. and resides in Bethel.

The program is sponsored as a community service by "To Your Health" of WMSC with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD 44/Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments available. For more information, contact R. Tift at 824-2053.

Bethel Senior Citizens news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Jan. 13 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting, potluck dinner and auction with 25 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. "My Country Tis of Thee" was sung and Carol Stevens, minister of the church said the blessing.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. The door prize was won by Barbara Gallant and the 50/50 raffle by Ronald Meserve.

The money jar winners were Alma Merrill, Florence Merrill and Elizabeth Gilbert.

Membership dues (\$3) are now due. New members are welcome.

Haley Tripp from Bethel Rescue was present to take blood pressures for members. Thank you, Haley.

The auction was held with Becky Keen the auctioneer and Fran Head and Lise McLain as helpers. \$210.50 was raised for the club.

The next meeting will be Feb. 10 at Crosstone Restaurant in Woodstock (Route 26 South). Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is chicken or fish. Reservations must be made before Feb. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice.

Happy Birthday was sung to those having January birthdays: Margaret Barton, Darlene Demeritt, Becky Keen, Florence Merrill and William Thurston.

Age-Friendly Community news

Now the work begins! The survey data has been analyzed and presented at a public meeting on Jan. 14. See further coverage elsewhere in this newspaper. In addition to a substantive question and answer period, energy was high, as participants exchanged ideas after the meeting. We anticipate some good work proceeding from these beginning steps, and we hope you'll find a way to lend your opinions and ideas as planning commences.

Copies of the Executive Summary are available at the Bethel Library and the Bethel Family Health Center. The full report - a much longer version - is available electronically; contact Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

Probably not surprisingly, the highest concern, by far, was transportation options for those who wish to stay in this community as they age. According-

ly, two special guests at the meeting were Craig Zurhorst, Community Relations Director, Western Maine Transportation Services (WMTS), and Joan Walton, Transportation Specialist, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG). A meeting was announced with WMTS and AVCOG to discuss how transportation options might be improved for our area. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 4 to 6 p.m., W.P. Congregational Church: put it on your calendar! And watch for other announcements of further opportunities to address the issues revealed in the survey.

Have you heard? Many seniors are taking advantage of new membership packages at the 24-7 Workout Center on Parkway Street in Bethel (824-4766). This month those over 65 may purchase: \$15 per day, \$25 per week, \$10 per month, \$25 for 3 months, or \$100 per year.

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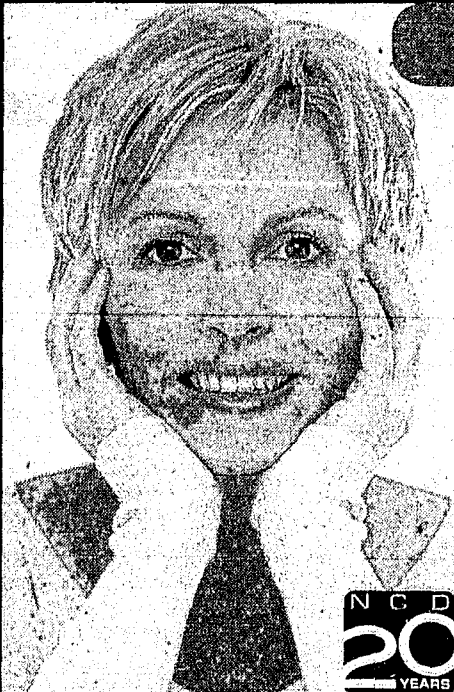
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Sports

High School Nordic Skiing

Maranacook Wave; Jan. 18 – The Maranacook Wave is a race where skiers are sent out in waves of 7 or 8 by grade. It is a fun race because kids get to see how they stack up against skiers their own age. For the girls: Marta Opie came in 7th for sophomore girls, 20:10, Carla Boyle-Wight came in 2nd for senior girls, 17:12, and Kaitlyn Brown came in 12th for senior girls, 21:47. For the boys: Ricco Call came in 10th for freshman boys, 18:57, Gaelen Boyle-Wight came in 16th for sophomore boys, 20:49, Josh Eliot was 16th for junior boys 20:00, and Elijah Laird was 17th for junior boys, 20:01. – Coach Southam

Telstar Girls' Varsity Basketball

St. Dom's 37, Telstar 28; Jan. 8 – Leading by only 2 at the half St. Dom's outscored Telstar 19-12 in the second half to finish with a nine point victory over the Lady Rebels. A balanced effort by the Rebels kept them in the game throughout. Scoring for the Rebels: Becca Howard 11, Julia Cherkis 5, Hayley Peterson and Sadie Richardson with 4 points each, Brooke Richardson with 2 and Blair Stevens with 2 and also 15 rebounds.

Winthrop 37, Telstar 27 – With both teams having not won a game this season something had to give. Winthrop had a 10 point lead in the first half and with even play in the second half Winthrop notched their first win of the season 37-27. Scoring: Becca Howard 7 points, Hayley Peterson 5, Sadie Richardson 7, Julia Cherkis 4, Blair Stevens and Brooke Richardson with 2 each.

Hall-Dale 43, Telstar 32 – Trailing by 24 at the half, the Lady Rebels showed no quit as they cut the lead to 9 out-scoring the Bulldogs 22-14 in the second half only to come up short. A great effort by all. Becca Howard led the Rebels with 12 points, Brooke Richardson with 7, Hayley Peterson 6, Sadie Richardson 4, Alivia Chappe 2, Julia Cherkis 1.

Telstar Boys' Varsity Basketball

1/4/16 at Lisbon – After a tough loss to the Greyhounds at home, the Rebels travelled to Lisbon with plans on avenging their previous defeat. In the first half, the Rebels looked confident and led 27-16 at the half. Lisbon found their stride a bit in the 3rd quarter, and cut the Rebels lead down to 3 going into the 4th. The Greyhounds sprinted to the finish line, outscoring Telstar 17-5 in the 4th. Final score Lisbon 47, Telstar 38. Avry Griffin paced the Rebels with 10 points.

1/8/16 vs. St. Doms – A struggling Saints team visited Telstar in a game the Rebels desperately needed to win. The Rebels were the aggressor from the jump and led 32 – 20 at the half. The Rebels offense kept their foot on the pedal throughout the second half and pulled away from the Saints. Final score St. Doms 46, Telstar 77. Jarrett Bean led Telstar with 20 points, followed by Tanner Wheeler with 15.

1/15/16 vs. Hall-Dale – The Rebels faced a strong Bulldogs team in a game the Telstar let get away from them. The Rebels knew they were in for a tough test against the Bulldogs, but did not anticipate how well Hall-Dale would shoot the ball. The Bulldogs were lights out in the first half, leading 43-29 after two quarters. The Rebels started out the 3rd quarter with a run of their own, only to be stopped by a smothering Hall-Dale defense. Final score Hall-Dale 72, Telstar 46. Blake Rothwell led Telstar with 15 points.

1/18/16 vs. Winthrop – The Rebels had their hands full with a defensive Winthrop Ramblers team. The Ramblers used full-court pressure early on the build a 31-21 first half lead. The Rebels turnovers struggles plagued them in the second half, as Winthrop used a well-executed half-court trap to pull away for the victory. Final score Winthrop 72, Telstar 33.

Telstar Boys' J.V. Basketball

1/4/16 at Lisbon – After a strong defensive outing against Lisbon at home, the Rebels struggled to slow down the Greyhounds in their own gym. Lisbon scored 32 points in the first half, as the Rebels offensive woes continued. Final score Lisbon 64, Telstar 16. Tommy Watson led the Rebels with 7 points.

1/8/16 vs. St. Doms – The young Rebels squared off against the Saints in a contest that was tight throughout. After trailing 14-5 after the 1st quarter, the Rebels fought their way back and trailed 22-17 at the half. After three quarters, Telstar had cut the lead to only three, but the Saints were victorious. Final score St. Doms 47, Telstar 38. Telstar was led by Connor Landes with 10 points, Jordan McGetchin led the defense for the Rebels with multiple steals.

1/18/16 vs. Winthrop – Telstar came out firing against a tough Ramblers team. After the 1st quarter 15-10, Winthrop leading. Winthrop used a combination of full-court pressure, and a half-court trap to pull away from a hungry Rebels squad. The offense of the Rebels has looked better in their last two games. Final score Winthrop 63, Telstar 31. Tommy Watson led Telstar with 14 points, Colby Marriot scored 10.

TMS Girls' Basketball

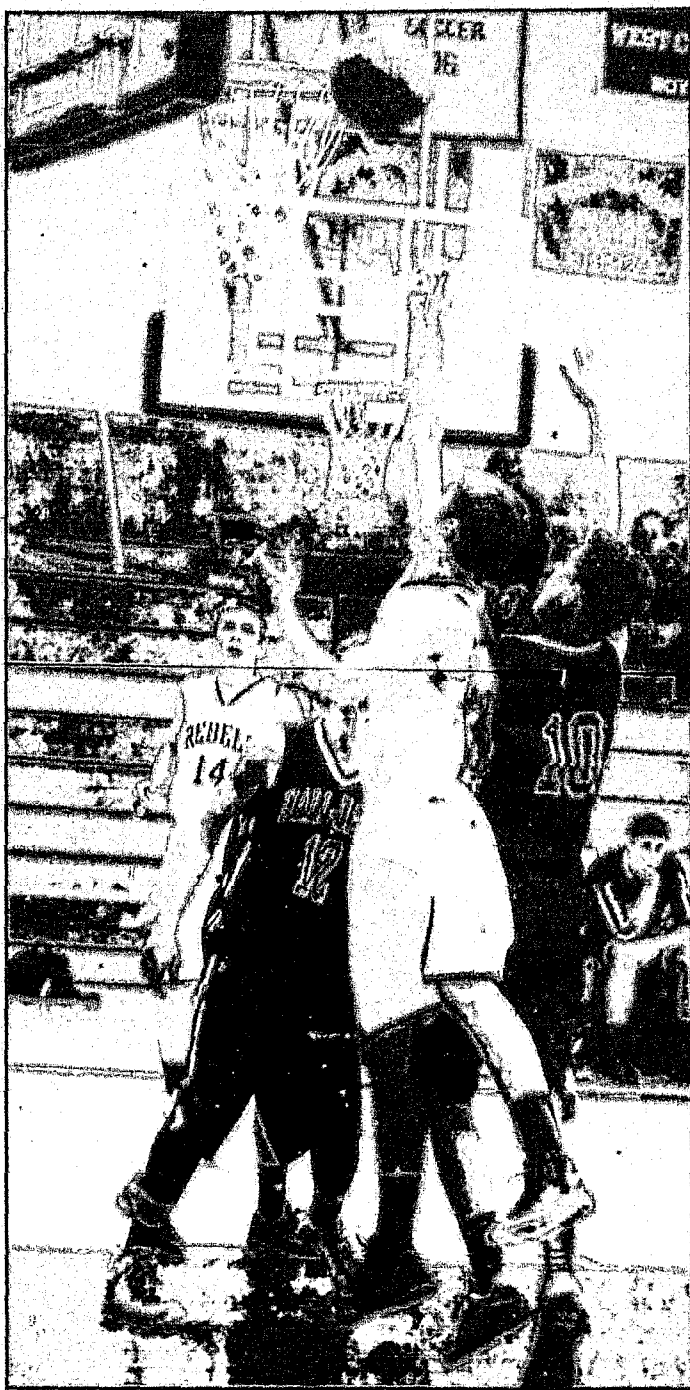
St. Dom's 43, Telstar 23 – TMS got off to a slow start in a loss at St. Dom's. The Rebel scorers were Calla Oriano 8; Aneah Bartlett 7; Luci Rothwell 6; Fiona Cornwall and Lydia Bennett with 1 each. – Coach: Dave Berry

TMS Boys' Basketball

St. Dom's 30, Telstar 29 – TMS lost a very exciting, close game to Saint Dom's middle school. Davin Masoh led the scoring with 11 points and Devin Cole-Mason and Finn McLaughlin added 5 points each. The team is 3-3 for the season. – Coach O'Connor

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

Bethel upsets LBI in MYRBL – Bethel changed the dynamics of the Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League with a well-played 93-89 upset win over previously unbeaten Laid Back Installers. Bethel (3-2) used an unselfish game style with lots of assisted baskets, stayed within striking distance the whole game, had a few clutch baskets late in the game and kept their composure down the stretch. They also rebounded well and limited their turnovers. LBI (4-1) usually gets a lot of points from turnovers and fast breaks, but were more content shooting from long range in this game, as they were playing with a limited group and seemed to run out of gas from time to time. Bethel was led by Ryan Savage with 22 points (3 threes), Dom Haines with 19, JT Taylor 18 (4 threes) and Ryan Kimball with 16. LBI countered in vain as Chris Baxter was hot all game and finished with a game high 36 points. Jon Benjamin netted 20, Craig Milledge 12 and Eric Canwell 10. In other action, Archie's (4-1) was off with a bye for the day. M and M Carpentry (3-3) took a forfeit win over winless Jay (0-5). Then Tommy Guns destroyed The Crew, 107-64. T'Guns (3-2) had plenty of scoring to share, as Juwan Daniels hit for 34 points, Tim Turner had 20, Jordan Greenleaf 19 and Tony Daniels and Dave St Germain 12 each. The Crew's high man was animated Dion Cheers with 27 points, followed by Jade Dutil with 14.



ABOVE, Telstar's Blake Rothwell puts up a shot in last Friday's home game against Hall-Dale. The Bulldogs prevailed, 72-46. BELOW, THS' Becca Howard dribbles up the court in the girls' matchup against Hall-Dale, won by the visitors 43-32. At right is Sadie Richardson.

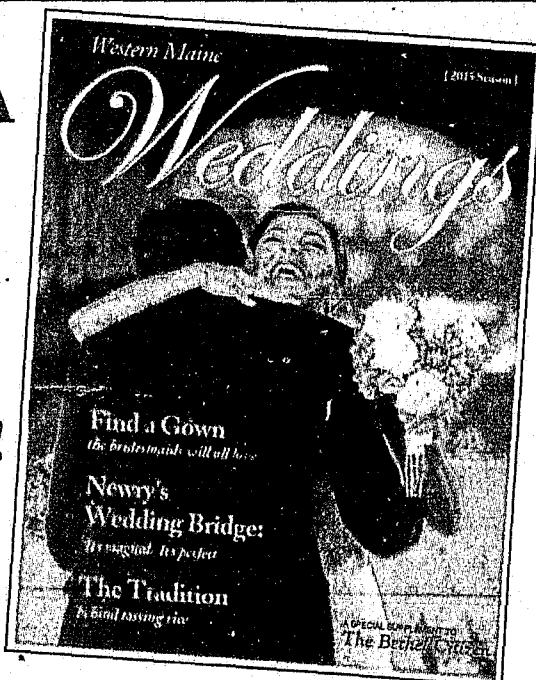
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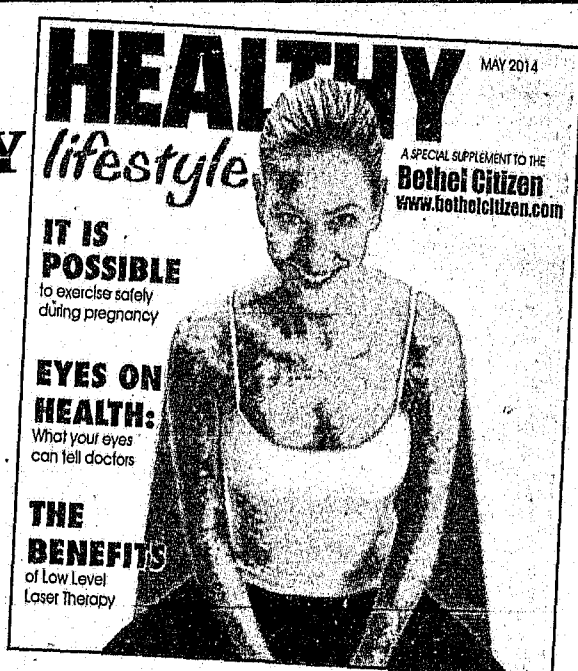
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Woodstock Historical Society will not meet in the months of January and February. Monthly meetings will resume in March.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

MMGM Third Thursday Talk; 3 to 4:30 p.m., Oddfellows Hall in the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum's Preview Gallery, 99 Main Street, Bethel. Dwight Bradley, emeritus Research Scientist with the U.S. Geological Survey, as its Third Thursday Talk presenter. His lecture, *Ages and Plate Tectonics of New England Pegmatites*, "will explain how we date pegmatites by measuring trace abundances of uranium and the product of its radioactive decay, lead," he says. "The age of a pegmatite shows how it fits into its region's plate-tectonic history. The lithium-enriched pegmatites of New England formed during the Devonian to Permian Periods when Africa and its fringing terranes were colliding with North America."

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Snowshoe Hike at Mushers Bowl; 9 a.m., Five Fields Farm. This event is in conjunction with the Downeast Sled Dog Club's Mushers Bowl Weekend at the farm. The hike and snowshoe rentals are free, but there is a \$5 fee to enter the Mushers Bowl. This is a moderate to strenuous hike that will last approximately three hours. FMI: www.loonecholandtrust.org.

Health Trend Forum; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Telstar High School, Bethel. Snow date: Jan. 30. The Maine Shared Health Needs Assessment and Planning Process Project is a collaborative of Central Maine Health Care, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, MaineGeneral Health, MaineHealth and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It is working with Stephens Memorial Hospital and Rumford Hospital, which are MaineHealth and Central Maine Health Care members, respectively, to gather community input.

Texas Hold'em Tournament; 12 p.m. (doors open at 11), Jackson-Silver Post 68, American Legion, 595 Gore Road, Locke's Mills. \$50 buy-in, \$5 license, high hand option, 50/50, BYOB, light meals and beverages. FMI: Ray (890-3737).

MLT Howard Pond Overlook Hike; Participants are to meet at Hanover Town Hall at 1 p.m. to carpool to the beginning of the walk. The walk is gradual with a brief steep section at the end. The reward will be views of Howard Pond, the Mahosuc Range and the Presidentials, as well as a fire for warming, marshmallows to roast and hot chocolate to drink. If there is good snow cover, snowshoes will be needed; otherwise, please bring footwear with winter hiking traction. Of course, dress warmly and carry water.



GILEAD NATIVE MEETS CELINE DION-Diane Dupont Bean, formerly of Gilead, received an all expense paid trip on Jan. 12, 2016 by her friends and co-workers in the medical community from Baker City, Oregon to Las Vegas to attend a recent Celine Dion concert. She is an emergency room nurse at the medical center. She is married to John Bean, formerly of Bethel, and has three children, John, Jessica and Justin. It was arranged by her friends and co-workers that Diane, her daughter Jessica and grand-daughter, Macy would meet Celine Dion after the show. Pictured are, from left: Diane, Celine Dion, grand-daughter Macy Dudek and daughter Jessica Bean Dudek. Diane is the daughter of the late Gerard and Edna Dion Dupont (both Canadians) of Gilead and is the sister of Lise Dupont McLain. Diane is a member of the Gilead Historical Society, and is a contributor of various homemade items (beautiful hand knit hats and scarves) and a quilted wall hanging with pictures of Gilead scenes) that she donated as fundraisers to the Society as well as financial contributions. The Dion Association of Canada of which Diane's mother was a member has conducted the genealogy of the Dion family arriving from France to French Canada in the 1600s. They discovered that there were three brothers, John, Claude and Phillip who came to Canada, and Celine Dion is a direct descendant of John and so is Diane's family.

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Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults: \$5. The Jones Dance Band plays old-fashioned dance music.

Monday, Jan. 25

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Library. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Health Trend Forum; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Snow date: Feb. 1. The Maine Shared Health Needs Assessment and Planning Process Project is a collaborative of Central Maine Health Care, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, MaineGeneral Health, MaineHealth and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It is working with Stephens Memorial Hospital and Rumford Hospital, which are MaineHealth and Central Maine Health Care members, respectively, to gather community input.

SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Public Hearing; 7 p.m., Bethel Town Office. Proposed changes to the sewer rates will be outlined.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

WMSC Brown Bag Lunch; 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., Bethel Inn Library. How do YOU remember the 60's - as a child? a teen? a college student? a newlywed? In the manner of a Pub "Trivia Night," we will intersperse the 60's edition of Trivial Pursuit with other musical and visual playful pokes into the significance of that decade in our history. Join us for a purely fun time with our memories - and don't forget your bag lunch. FMI/RSVP: Nancy Davis (881-1110 or nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com).

Introduction to Self-Employment Workshop; 1 to 3 p.m., Telstar High School. This free one-session workshop with instructor Karleen Andrews of New Ventures Maine will help you decide if self-employment is the right choice for you. The class covers entrepreneurship, the pros and cons of owning your own business, ways to manage risk, the major elements of a business plan, important financial pieces, important steps needed for startup and the many resources available to help you succeed. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call (207) 824-2289 for more information.

"PAPER TIGERS" Free Screening; 7 p.m., Mountain Valley High School's Muskie Auditorium. Snow date: Jan. 28. 7 p.m. PAPER TIGERS is a documentary that explores the impact of adverse childhood experiences and captures the transformation of struggling teens as teachers use the latest developmental science and trauma-informed approaches to break the cycle.

Thursday, Jan. 28

SeniorsPlus Long Distance Learning Program; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. Hear Maine's Author Kendall Morse speak on his book, "Father Fell Down the Well." Free with preregistration - call 1-800-427-1241.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Friday, Jan. 29

Andover Rec Committee Craft and Movie Night; 6 p.m., Andover Elementary School. Come learn how to make six pack snowflakes while your children enjoy a movie and popcorn. Movie title TBD.

Winter Dance; 6 to 8 p.m., Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Featuring: Joe "the Music Man" Siros. Open to the public. Refreshments will be sold. Do-

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Feb. 4 and 11

CPR Certification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center. This class will teach adult, child & infant CPR, and obstructed airway. 2 year certificate. Limit 6 students. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton. Tuition: \$55. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

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From the Director

We have snow! The kids are finally enjoying winter here at MKA. The kids are building snowmen and having a great time on the sleds. We will soon break out the snowshoes and blaze trails around the playgrounds!

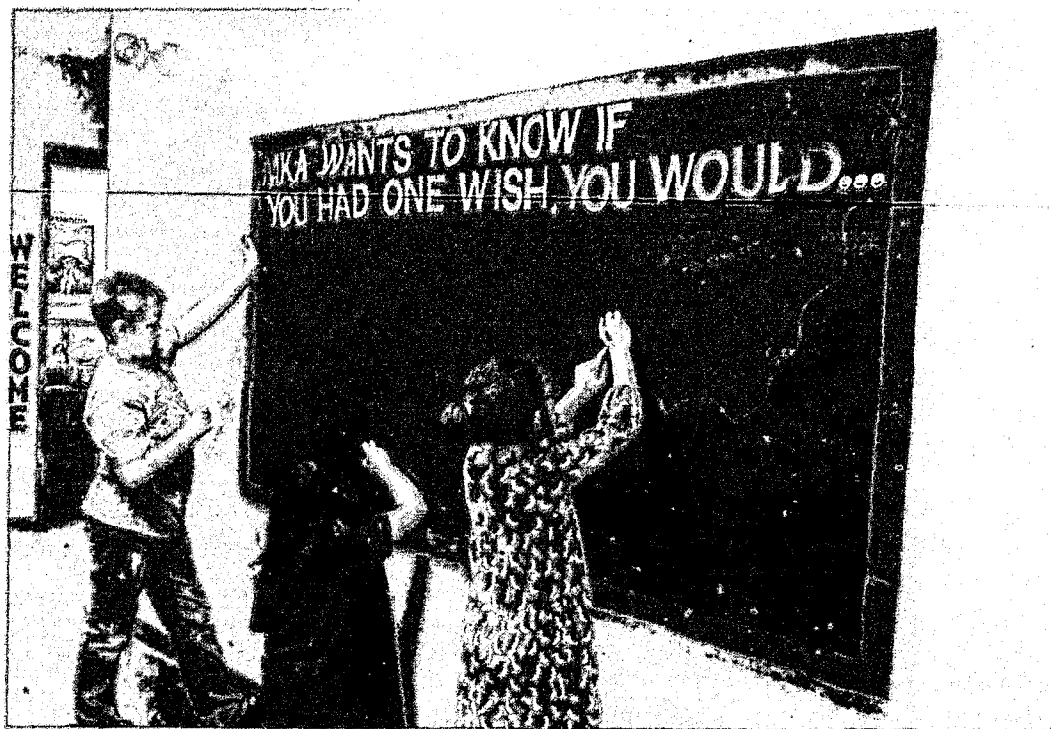
The WES Healthy Home Town Skiing program starts this week and the Bethel Outing Club skiing program is in full swing. It is wonderful to see kids skiing every day.

MKA is also gearing up with other fun enrichment programs including Karate, Pioneer Days (with Bryant Pond 4H), Theater, and Sewing. MKA is looking for people to offer more programs after school — our wish list includes: yoga, art, photography, digital media, coding, and any other suggestions. The kids really love to learn and try new things.

MKA is still trying to get 5 more people to sign up with Rite Aid to designate MKA as their KidCents Charity of choice. All money "rolled up" on your Rite Aid purchases will be designated to MKA to help us scholarship kids to summer camp and school year programming. Many people have chosen to "roll up" their purchase - but you actually have to go into the KidCents site and choose MKA. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Happy New Year!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



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Making a snowman for Julie's door!



Wyatt and Noah enjoying the snow!



TMS students Eric & Romeo getting some help on their research project.



4-H Pioneers enjoying the homemade biscuits and butter they made.



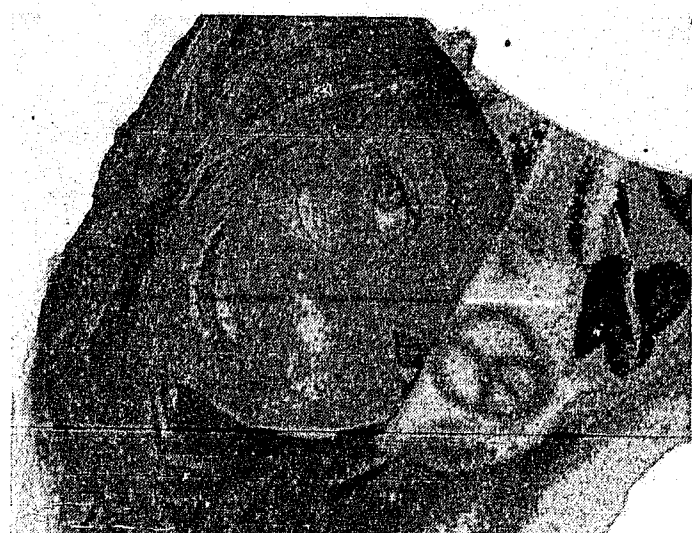
Hunter Winslow and Jonathan Marshall enjoy playing football in the snow.



Hunter Winslow passes the football.



Brenna Wilson takes a trip down the sledding hill.



Morgan Benson crawls through a snow tunnel.



Skylar, Hailey, and Kira sledding the afternoon away!

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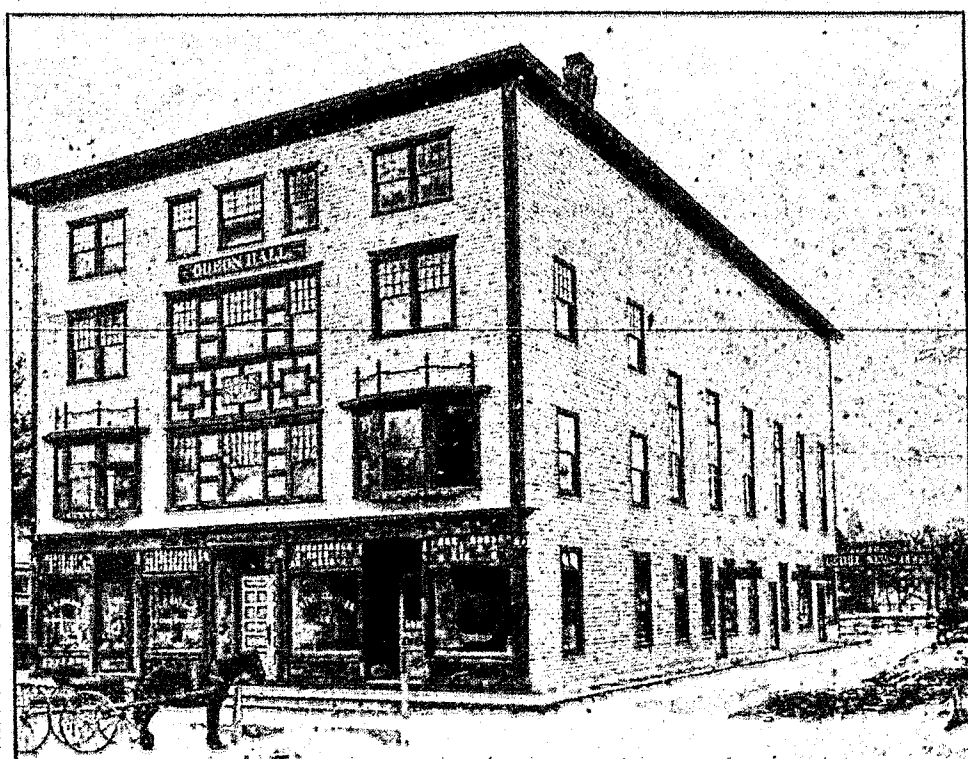
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The Bethel Journals

The Cole Block and Odeon Hall



COLE BLOCK, IN WHICH THE NEWS OFFICE IS LOCATED.



E. C. Bowler



Goddard Studio
EDWARD P. LYON

By Donald G. Bennett

In April 1890, Bethel's postmaster, George H. Brown, died; Brown owned a vacant lot on the upper end of Main Street's south side.

At the beginning of 1891, two young men who grew up in East Bethel but were in the jewelry business in Washington, D.C., Elmer, 29, and Frederick, 26, Cole, launched their plan to become commercial real estate developers in Bethel. They would construct the largest, most modern business building yet seen in Bethel Hill village—maybe even the best commercial building in Oxford County.

July, 1891. The Cole Brothers of Washington D.C. contemplate erecting a three story building 100 by 80 feet (actually 60 feet) on the lot on Main Street, near Broad, that they bought of the George H. Brown estate last spring. The lower floors are to accommodate the Bethel Savings Bank and a jewelry shop for themselves, the upper floor for offices.

December 1891: The Cole Block is to be heated by steam. The boiler and pipes are being set. The Bethel Savings Bank has moved into their new Cole Block office. Judge Foster has thoroughly renovated his offices since the Bethel Savings Bank has moved out.

1892 began with a warm, rainy January; the new Cole building was being painted by Chaney & Sawyers, Painters, and sidewalk observers considered that the new "block" was nearly finished. In the second week of January only one or two carpenters were on the job finishing up the final touches. At the end of the month Elmer Cole returned to Bethel from Washington to inspect the work on his new building.

April 1892 began: Elmer Cole planned to use a portion of the first floor. The Cole Brothers would put in a full line of carpets and furniture and occupy the large store in the rear of the block. They would also use the room in back of the Bethel Savings Bank office for a jewelry shop. Miss E.E. Burnham had rented two rooms for a stock of millinery goods and store. (She had recently left her store in the Kimball Block.) Huse Bros. from Lewiston would occupy one side of the front of the block and they were putting in furnishings. They had "landed" a large stock of goods and advertised a full line of dry goods.

April 19, 1892, despite the March 31 vote passing over an article for an office for the selectmen, "the selectmen have rented as an office one of the front corner rooms on the second floor in Cole Block and are now occupying it." For a long time the selectmen had wanted money to buy a safe for town records. Voters had not approved a safe either. The town did pay Mrs. Olive Mason \$10 for an office desk and \$7 was paid to the Bethel Chair Factory for office chairs.

New Hall Dedicated May 18, 1892. Cole Bros. Hall, Bethel, was dedicated on Wednesday and the people of Bethel and vicinity were given a rare musical treat. Judge Woodbury delivered the dedication address. Concert performances included Shaw's Male Quartet of Portland, Ladies Cecilian Quartet of Portland, Prof. J. Hallet Gilbert of Boston, pianist and tenor soloist and the Callahan Orchestra of Lewiston provided music for dancing. The hall was officially open for use.

August 2, 1892: "W. S. Parker has rented the store in the Cole Block formerly occupied by the Cole Bros. Parker has bought the furniture business from the Coles and has rented two additional rooms (on the first floor) adjacent to the store for finishing and a carpet warehouse". August 9: W.S. Parker has added to his stock of furniture and carpets in his store within the Cole Block that he recently took over from the Coles. He will also do uphol-

stering and repairs.

August 30, 1892, Hon. Nelson Dingley, Republican, addressed a good audience at Odeon Hall; he spoke on a number of political issues of the day. This was the first time in news about the Coles hall that it was identified as Odeon Hall (Odeon is an ancient Greek term referring to a small roofed in theatre used for musical and dramatic performances.) Although there was no explanation in the news of who had come up with the name, Mrs. Gehring would be my guess.

1893: this was a year of nationwide financial panic. And the exodus from the Cole Block began.

March 6, 1893: The annual town meeting was held in Odeon Hall for the first time. Ladies of the Library Association furnished dinner at Odeon Hall for the town meeting with proceeds from the dinner going to benefit the library. (In 1948, 55 years later, my eighth grade class walked over to Odeon Hall from the Bethel Grammar School to see the annual town meeting in action.)

May 2 1893: News reports said that Elmer H. Cole wishes to sell his property known as the Cole Block together with the adjoining house for the reason that business calls Mr. Cole out of state.

July 14, 1893: W.S. Parker who had become a Cole Block merchant less than a year before has engaged with the So. Waterford chair factory at a salary of \$880. a year. He will close out his furniture stock in the Cole Block with a special sale.

July 28, 1893: The Cole Block containing Bethel Savings Bank and Odeon Hall will be sold at auction in Bethel, Tuesday August 1. (The Cole brothers say) that they have a nice jewelry business in Washington and it needs all their attention.) J.T. Small of Lewiston will be the auctioneer.

August 11, 1893: Elmer D. Cole, who has been in Bethel more or less the last week or two, will return to Washington this week. He did not succeed in selling Cole Block.

December 22, 1893: Eastern (Oxford County) Land Conveyances: E.D. Cole (owner of the Cole Block building and the Odeon Hall), et al, to Bethel Savings Bank, \$1. The Bethel Savings Bank assumed ownership and management of the "Cole Block" including Odeon Hall.

Early in 1894 supporters of the temperance movement met to see what could be done to open a gymnasium and reading room as healthy alternatives to drinking. The group included Mr. Merriman, Gould Academy principal, Dr. Gehring, Rev. Mr. Beem, Addison Herrick, Rev. Mr. Fickett and an audience of supporters. The meeting was held in Odeon Hall. Several committees were chosen to take care of the matter. Mr. Merriman on behalf of the athletic association of the academy proposed to fit up the gymnasium if the people would give them a little help. By the end of February 1894 the gym equipment was almost all in place "so the young fellows are enjoying the healthy exercise of the bar and chest weights."

The Bethel Reading Room and Athletic Association - after much delay and many committee meetings, much planning and considerable labor, this organization invites the people to come to the rooms in the Cole Block on March 12. The gymnasium committee will be in attendance to sign all applications for membership. The instructor, Mr. Merriman will be on hand to form classes and assign times for each.

Young ladies as well as gentlemen can enter these classes and reap benefit from these drills. Expense for these classes is \$1.50 a year. The reading room is free to everyone wishing to read the leading newspapers and magazines - political news for the elderly, illustrated and story papers for the young and scientific and literary magazines for the students. The ladies will serve hot coffee and sandwiches on Monday evening and the rooms will

be open every afternoon and evening thereafter. Someone will be in attendance to preserve order.

From 1894 to 1946, the first floor, which was the main retail floor, saw the arrival of these parties in addition to the Bethel Savings Bank that owned the building: E.E. Burnham, Herrick and Park Attorneys, Edward King and Edward Lyon, Jewelers, The Bethel News printing, S.N. Buck hardware merchant, Bethel National Bank, which was later acquired by Casco Bank and Trust Company.

From about 1906 to 1921 the Van Telephone and Telegraph Company switchboard and office was in the other front room of the second floor. When Bethel changed to a town manager form of government in 1954, the town manager took over the former telephone office which was across the hall from the town selectmen's office.

In 1907, a fire in the rear of the building destroyed the Bethel News office and King's store. Obviously the fire damage was repaired and business in the rear area of the building resumed. In 1905 the Bethel National Bank was incorporated; its office was opposite the Bethel Savings Bank (now the town office area). In 1945 the Casco Bank and Trust Company bought the Bethel National Bank. Casco Bank remained in the Cole Block until 1968 when it moved to its new building where Key Bank is today.

At that time, the town manager and selectmen moved their offices downstairs to the vacated bank office. From 1895 to the present day, Bethel's weekly newspaper has operated from the rear ground floor area of the Cole. The space once occupied by Herrick and Park (1895 to about 1945) is now used by the town office for selectmen's meetings, planning board meetings, code enforcement officer office and working.

After the Bethel Savings Bank left the Cole building for its own new building in 1974, Early Real Estate moved in to the front room now used by the CEO and Planning Board Assistant.

Odeon Hall

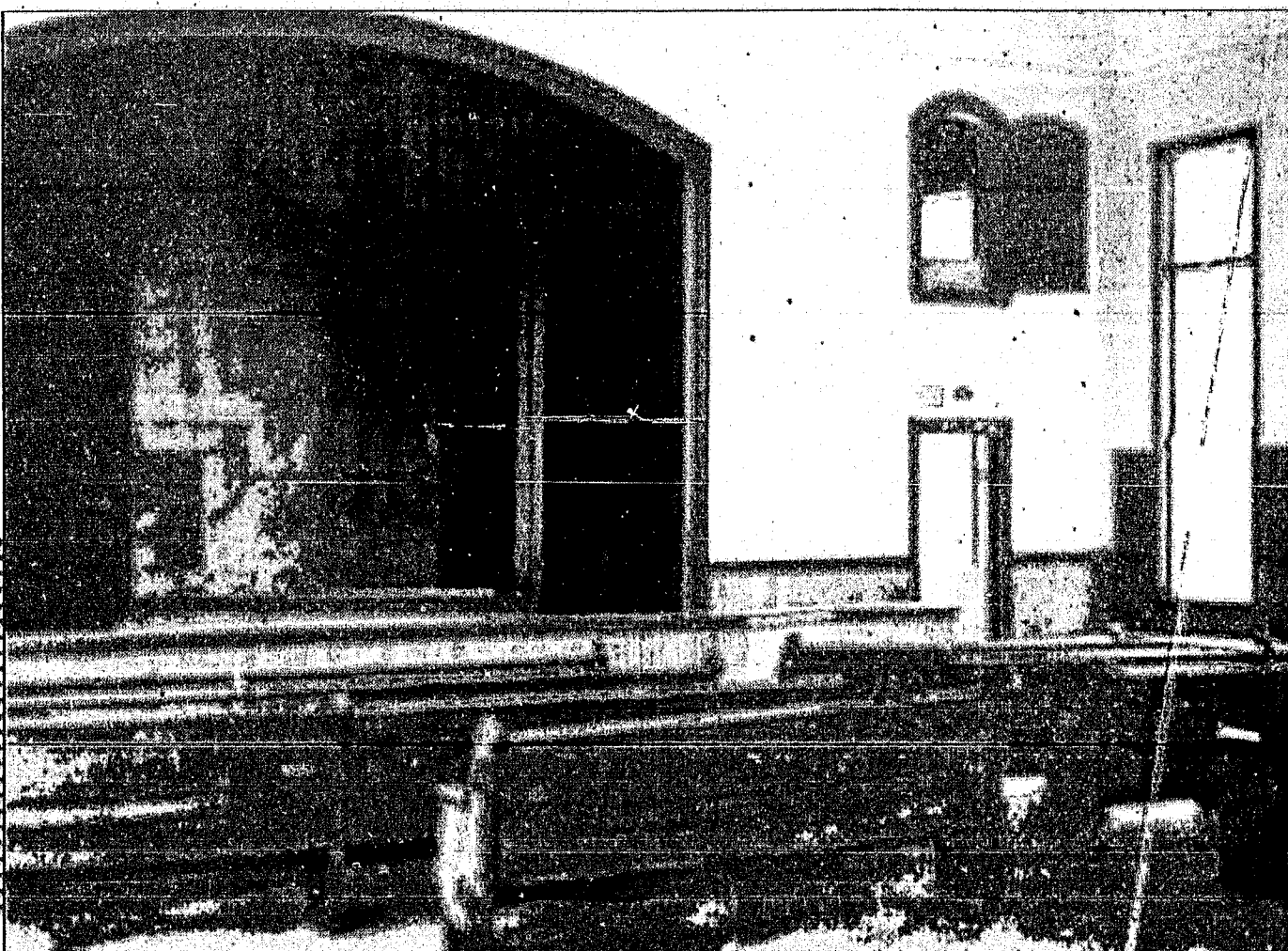
Odeon Hall had a very busy history. Yet, in spite of its very busy life, no mention of how it was managed, cleaned, maintained, or booked was ever written for the record.

Town meetings were held in the hall; Gould Academy graduation exercises and practically all road show entertainments were performed in the hall.

For example, in 1897 these events were held there: the annual Bethel town meeting, a whist party, the Lillian Tucker Company entertainment show, a special showing of Edison's invention, the projectoscope, the Grand Cattle Show Ball, part of the September Bethel Fair, and the annual supper of the Methodist Episcopal Society. Mrs. Chapman's article lists winter Chautauqua's, concerts directed by William Rogers Chapman, movies, dramatic shows, minstrel shows, appearances made by famous people such as Geraldine Farrar, the opera star and Jane Addams of Hull House. Until the Bethel Theater opened in 1940, Odeon Hall was the town's movie theater; Harvey Bragdon was the movie man. In 1906, Charles Kellogg a famous naturalist known as the "bird-man" lectured in the hall.

The News claimed that nothing like it had been heard here before. Kellogg built a "colony" of nature camps in North Newry along Wight's Brook.

Today what was intended to be a profit making, commercial block of stores in 1892, has only one commercial business, the Bethel Citizen, and a much expanded town office staff.



Odeon Hall in 2004



Ellery Park

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - NUMBER FUN

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is the easiest way to count a herd of cattle?

AMOUNT
DIVIDE
EIGHTY
FIFTH
FIRST
HUNDRED
INFINITY
LEAST
LESS
MANY
MINUS
MORE
MOST
MULTIPLY
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NUMERAL
SET
SEVENTY
SOME
SUM
TEN

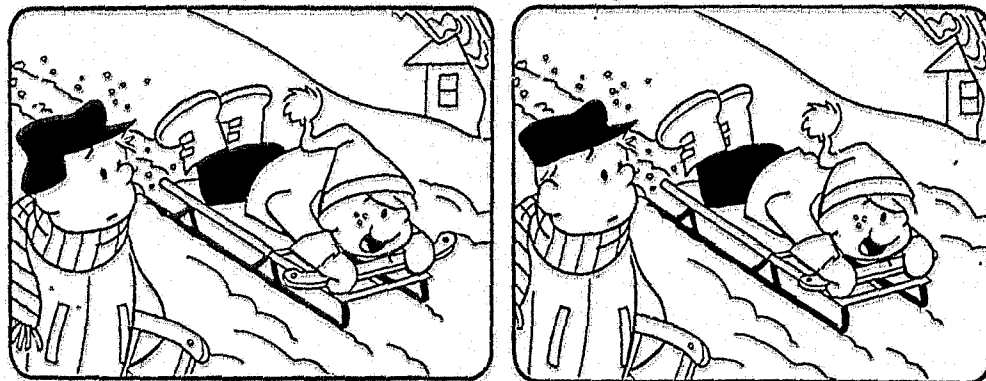
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M Y L P I T L U M E
E T O F I F T H O R
H U N D R E D R R A
D I V I D E S S E L

Riddle answer: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Earflap on hat is missing. 2. Scarf is moved. 3. Leg is moved.
4. Pom-pom on hat is shorter. 5. House is moved. 6. Steepling bar is smaller.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Z equals W

ZCTW XCT CJY UTKRBT LQFVT

URNTY ZFVC CTN KQNNTWV

IJDDJWV HWFICV, XCT ZTWV

UJKH VR XLQFNT RWT.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



"Will you pipe down for a while? These are my _____ years, remember?"

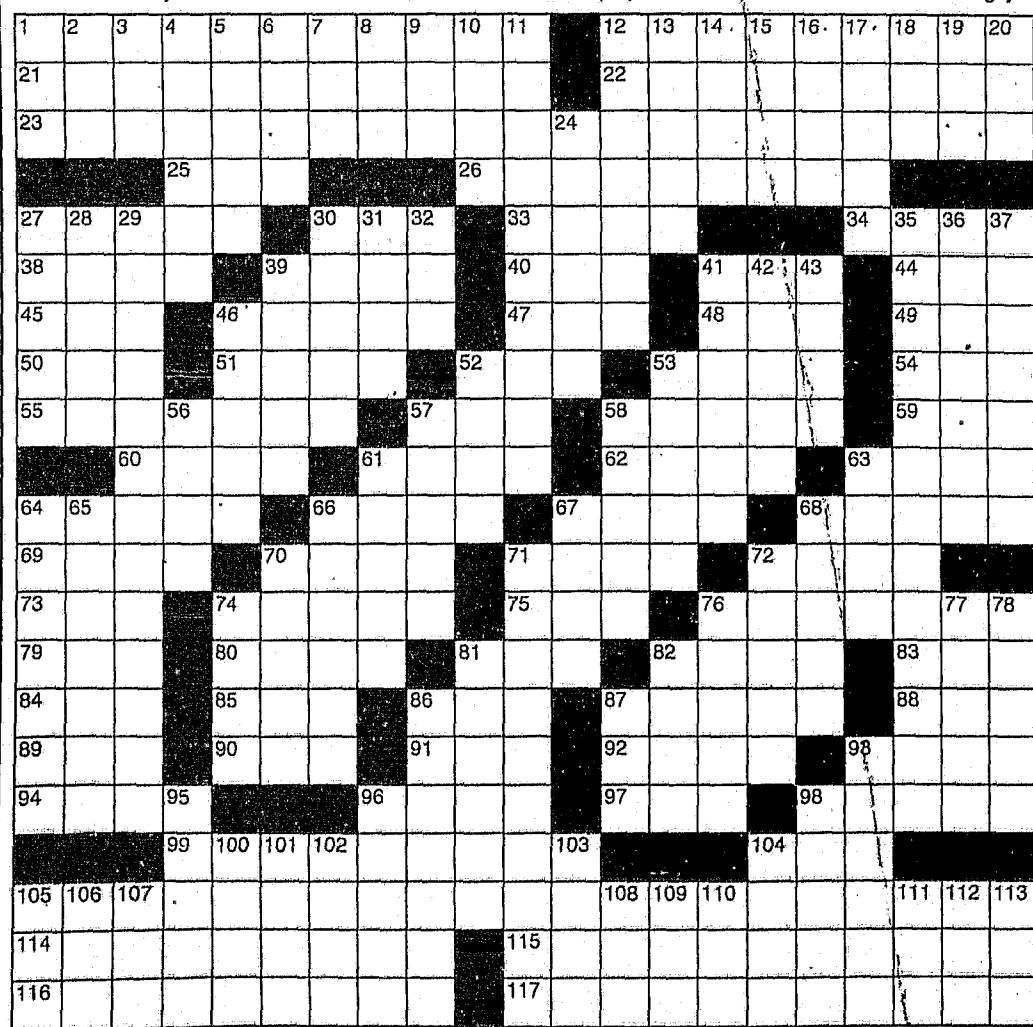
Annoy
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TODAY'S WORD: _____

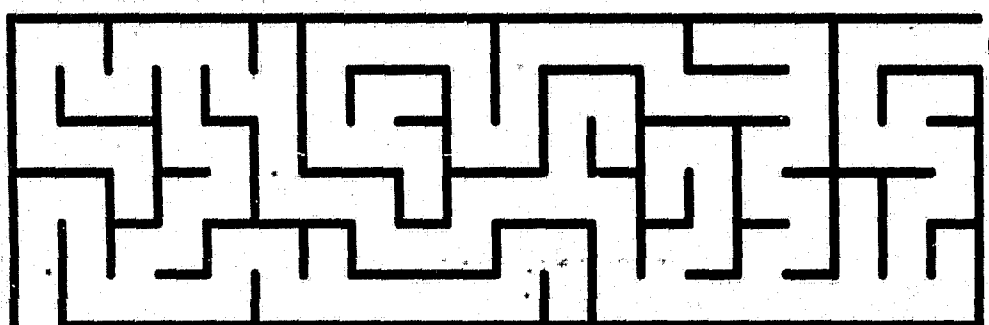
Super Crossword

DANGEROUS CURVES AHEAD

- ACROSS**
- Allured by
 - Where water remains after an ebb
 - Direct results
 - Big-band singer called "The Jezebel of Jazz"
 - Common types of thrill rides
 - Co.'s top dog
 - S.F. thoroughfare famous for its hairpin curves
 - Fog or mist
 - Bulge (out)
 - Gas in signs
 - State north of Neb.
 - Oahu, e.g.
 - Flower-holding jar
 - Boston Bruin Bobby
 - Status —
 - Kimono sealer
 - Disco fan on "The Simpsons"
 - Mended a hern, e.g.
 - Port in Brazil, for short
 - Indefinite article in Italy
 - Psychic "gift"
 - Triceps site
 - Fired
 - Hooting bird
 - Van Dyke
 - Maple stuff
 - Dried out, with "up"
 - Constricting serpent
 - Window components
 - Pub draft
 - "Zounds!"
 - Thickly fibrous
 - Sneaky guy?
 - Lab helper with a hump
 - "Hammerin' Hank"
 - Sharp changes of direction
 - Sharp changes of direction
 - Seniors' dances
 - Reduced
 - Zestfulness
 - Claudius I's successor
 - Italian "Bye!"
 - Audi org.
 - Zestful
 - Limonite, e.g.
 - Dad's dad
 - Jon — Jovi
 - Scottish sort
 - L-P middle
 - Renoir of film
 - Put a label on
 - Quiet — mouse
 - Bush spokesman
 - Holiday tree
 - Bizarre, slangy
 - Capacious coffeepot
 - choy
 - Viking's place
 - Verb suffix in Sussex
 - Amless
 - Tribe of Canada
 - Baldwin of "To Rome With Love"
 - Spiteful
 - Suffix with infant
 - Frog locales
 - Really hitting the sauce
 - Scottish girl
 - Water, in Toulon
 - #1 Beatles hit of 1970
 - Actress who co-starred in "The Help"
 - Very simple
 - Unfinished business
 - 2011-13 secretary of defense
 - AAA job
 - Prefix for "three"
 - Revolver, in old slang
 - With 56-Down, secondary personalities
 - Classic Liz Taylor role
 - Poliole fill
 - Foul up
 - Italian for "God"
 - Relate
 - Capital in Scandinavia
 - Seat of North Carolina's Edgecombe County
 - Old Peruvian
 - Christian —
 - Somewhat
 - Scottish girl
 - Actress Annie
 - Poem type
 - Boat paddle
 - Fleur-de —
 - "Bam!" chef
 - Entry stamps
 - Houston ballplayer
 - Pipe-clearing tool
 - Chatted
 - "Get — to it!"
 - A Kennedy
 - Acts the Samaritan
 - Favorite son of David
 - Some cured herrings
 - 86 Actor Ralph
 - Tab and RC
 - my big mouth!"
 - Viccan, e.g.
 - Snout
 - Opening bet
 - Weed — (lawn care product)
 - Go upward
 - New Age superster
 - Polodex no.
 - Med. service
 - Comic
 - Prefix with conservative
 - Veep Quayle
 - MSN, e.g.
 - Go (for)
 - Bit of land in a river
 - Narc's agcy.



Kids' Maze

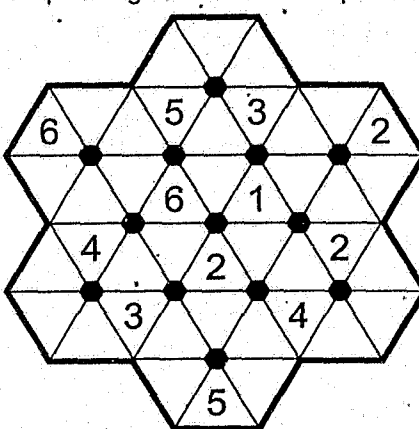


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

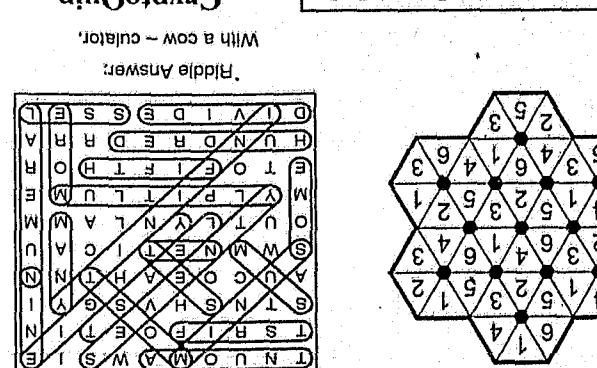
★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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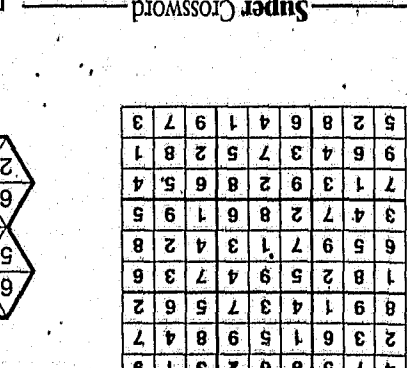
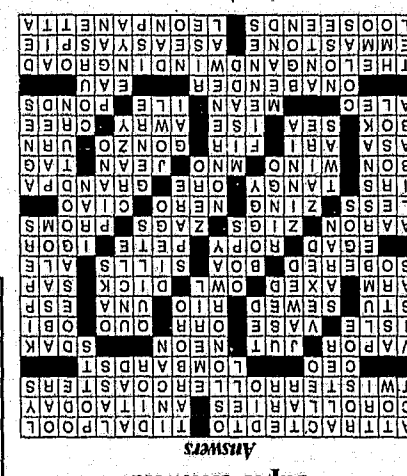
Kids' Maze Solution

GOLDEN Today's Word
3. Control; 4. Mangle.
1. Badger; 2. Nudge.
When she had become quite bored with her current answer back to squirrel one.



Puzzles4Kids

SNOWFLAKES



ANSWERS:

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Author to speak at Norway Universalist Church

Elizabeth DeWolfe, award winning author, history professor and chair of the Liberal Studies program at the University of New England, will present a slide show and discussion on *The Murder of Mary Bean and Other Stories* at the Norway Universalist Church on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

DeWolfe's book has received multiple awards, in both Historical Book and True Crime categories. It is an account of a famous case involving the death of a textile mill worker in Saco in the mid-19th century. It weaves together such themes as the rapid social changes brought

about by industrialization in nineteenth-century society, the phenomena of "mill girls" moving from family based rural life to independent lives as factory workers, changes in sexuality and the specter of abortion, the development of modern medicine and the role of sentimental novels as guidebooks.

The *Murder of Mary Bean and Other Stories* features two reprinted accounts of the death, both fictional and originally printed in the 1850s, as well as an introduction that places these salacious accounts in a historical context. This book serves not simply as true crime but, rather,

presents a seamy side of rapid industrial growth and the public anxiety over the emerging economic roles of women.

DeWolfe is also a co-author of *Such News of the Land: U.S. Women Nature Writers* (2001) and the author of *Shaking the Faith: Women, Family and Mary Marshall Dyer's Anti-Shaker Campaign, 1815-1867* (2002), which received the 2003 Outstanding Publication Award from the Communal Studies Association.

The *Murder of Mary Bean* is available at Books 'N' Things in Norway and will be available for purchase and signing at the event.



NEW CELL TOWER-A new 100-foot cellular tower went up recently off Paradise Road in Bethel, on land owned by the Bethel Inn, according to town officials. The building permit was issued to Northeast Wireless Networks. The tower, designed to improve wireless coverage, is on an alternative site to one that had previously been applied for on Elm Street, and that was denied by the Planning Board. The new site was reviewed by The Maine Historic Preservation Commission, which commented that "no historic properties will be affected." The project was approved in June of 2015.

Mark Harrington

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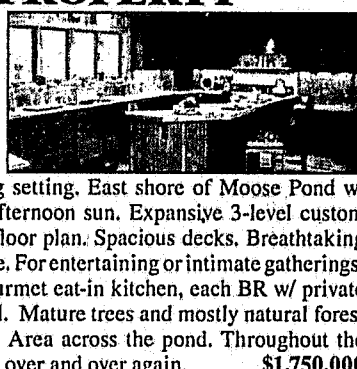
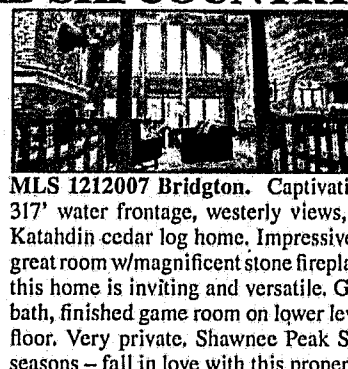
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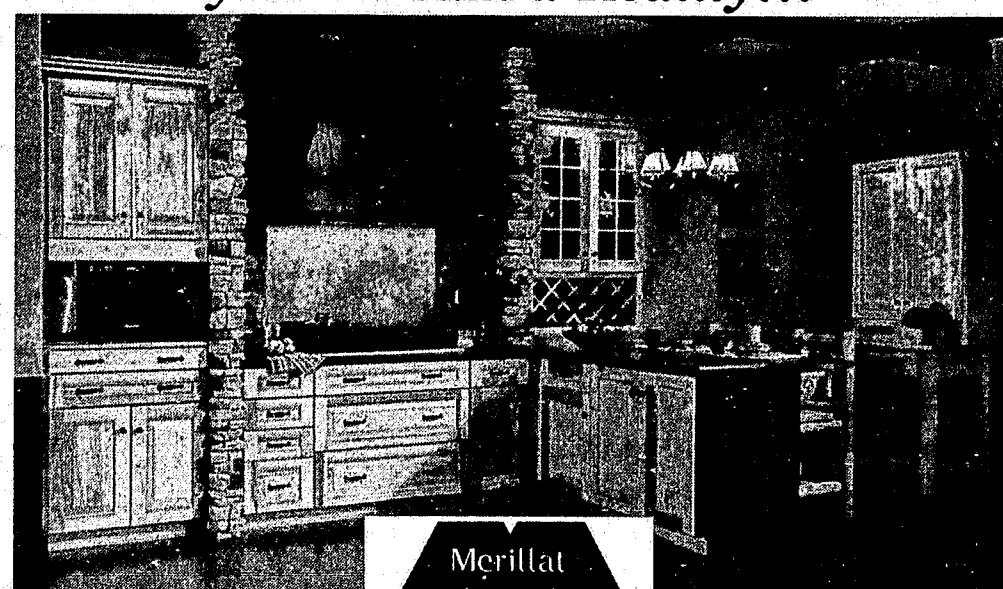


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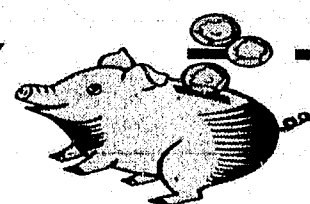
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Obituaries



TIMOTHY M. HOLLAND

Timothy M. Holland was unexpectedly called home on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 to share his love of the outdoors with the masses in Heaven at the age of 33. Timmy is the son of Tim Holland and Linda (Plott) Holland.

Timmy was a true lover of the outdoors, always willing to share his knowledge with all who showed an interest in the sports he so dearly enjoyed.

Timmy was a story teller from the time he learned how to speak, always engaging those around him in tales of moose, deer and bear chases. The great fish that got away, or the one he caught and released before there was time for a photo of proof. Those who knew Timmy enjoyed his stories, no matter how tall they got. And, they had a tendency to grow large.

From a very young age Timmy found an interest in baseball card collecting and could be found sitting in his room amongst boxes of trading cards.

As Timmy grew, so did his love of the outdoors as he was introduced by his dad to all nature could do for the mind, body and soul.

He enjoyed any sport that took him out of the house; whether it was sledding, skating or swimming at the pond with his sisters or spending countless hours fishing with his dad or his closest childhood friends from the neighborhood,

especially Dale and Jug Head. Timmy was at home outside.

Timmy spent countless hours helping teach his cousins and other local children how to fish, catch and release-style. It was quite often you would see him standing with fish pole or trap in hand with a little one looking on in excitement. He was so patient and always looked forward to seeing the excitement in the eyes of those around him when they caught their first fish, shot their first moose, deer or bear with a bit of Timmy's guidance.

In recent years Timmy found a passion for bird hunting and would frequent trips to Greenville and Kokadjo with like-minded friends.

Just this past fall, Timmy was able to enjoy a moose hunt with his aunt, Nona, and uncle, Dave. He was so excited to be along on that trip and after the adrenaline rush wore off, stated that it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Again, Timmy was able to share knowledge with others who had a desire to be more active in the outdoors.

Timmy will always be remembered for his kind spirit to all and his willingness to share his knowledge and love of the outdoors.

Timmy is survived by his dad and best friend, Tim Holland and his wife Karen of Peru; his mom Linda Holland and her partner Armand of Windham; three sisters, Cherri Crockett and her husband Andy of Bethel, Elizabeth Haskell and her husband Scott of Fort Hood, Texas, and Jess Carrier and her husband Dan of Peru; two brothers, Sean Betts of Anderson, S.C. and Eric Betts and his wife Angel of Lawton, Okla.; Paternal grandparents Stan and Claire Holland of Peru; maternal grandparents, Bernard and Marion Plott of Baltimore, Md.; many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and friends, old and new, who adored his company.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meadersandson.com.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street Rumford. Friends are invited to call

at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2016 at the Norway Center for Health & Rehab. She was formerly of Rumford and Bethel most of her life. She had also spent three years in Texas and a year in Germany with her son Jeffrey and family.



JANICE S. HILL

Ms. Janice S. Hill, 79, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016 at the Norway Center for Health & Rehab. She was formerly of Rumford and Bethel most of her life. She had also spent three years in Texas and a year in Germany with her son Jeffrey and family.

Born in Rumford Corner on Nov. 26, 1936 she was a daughter of Roland S. and Thelma (Bessey) Stearns. She was a graduate of Stephens High School class of 1955. She was a personal care provider for several years and then was assistant Librarian at the Bethel Library until her retirement.

Janice was a member of the Purity Rebecca Lodge 102, OES in Bethel, she attended the Bethel Alliance Church, she enjoyed reading, crocheting and knitting and especially loved being with her family and grandchildren and great grandchildren and her dog "Petu." She also loved playing cards and scrabble.

Survivors include a son Jeffrey of California, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a sister Sandra Clement and her husband Mike of Andover and a brother Richard Stearns and his wife Betty of Rumford Corner; several nieces and nephews and a special friend Cack Bean of South Paris. She was predeceased by two sons Dale and Ryan Smith and a brother Benton Monk.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.meadersandson.com.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at the Rumford Center Cemetery in Rumford Center. Those who desire may contribute to an Animal Shelter of one's choice or to the Norway Center for Health & Rehab, 29 Marion Avenue, Norway, Maine 04268 in her memory. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meader & Son Funeral Home 3 Franklin Street, P.O. Box 537, Rumford, Maine 04276.

Bethel Historical Society news

Women's History Month Planned
The Ski Museum of Maine and Bethel Historical Society will celebrate Women's History Month in late March with a collaborative program entitled "Sisters of Skade: Women in Maine Skiing 1870-2016." (Skade is an ancient Norse goddess who is closely associated with hunting, mountains, winter and skiing.) Scott Andrews, the Ski Museum's research director, will give a PowerPoint talk on the subject of women in Maine skiing that will include about 60 historic photos, spanning a spectrum that ranges from recreational skiers to competitive champions.

The second part of the program will be a panel discussion featuring women leaders – both past and present – in several fields of the sport and industry of skiing. Panelists will include high-profile championship skiers and snowboarders as well as women whose work behind the headlines drives Maine snowsports forward.

The collaboration began when Randy Bennett, executive director of Bethel Historical Society, asked Ski Museum president Wende Gray whether such a program could be assembled. The two organizations have collaborated on numerous occasions. It's a natural fit. Bethel is Maine's busiest ski town, home to two alpine and three Nordic ski resorts. In the past two years the Kingfield-based Ski Museum of Maine has created a number of public events in Bethel to increase awareness and boost membership. The Ski Museum is also looking to enlarge its footprint in the town with the goal of opening an annex in the near future. The Ski Museum's goals align with the Bethel Historical Society's plans to ramp up its public profile during 2016 – its 50th anniversary year.

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